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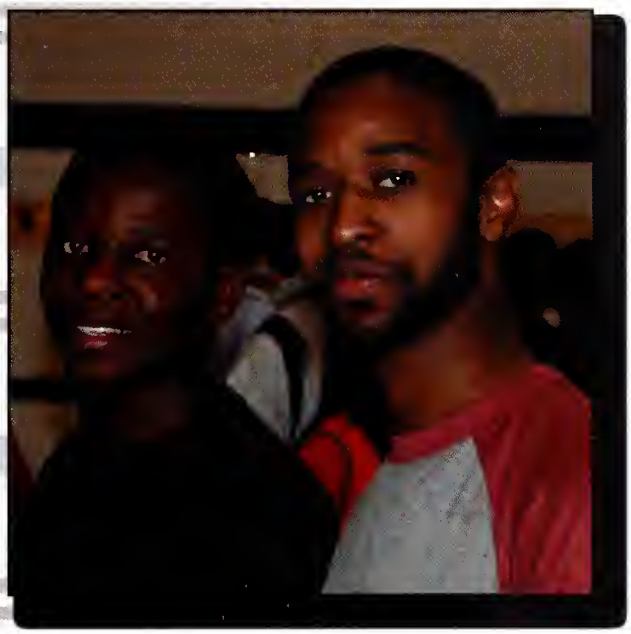

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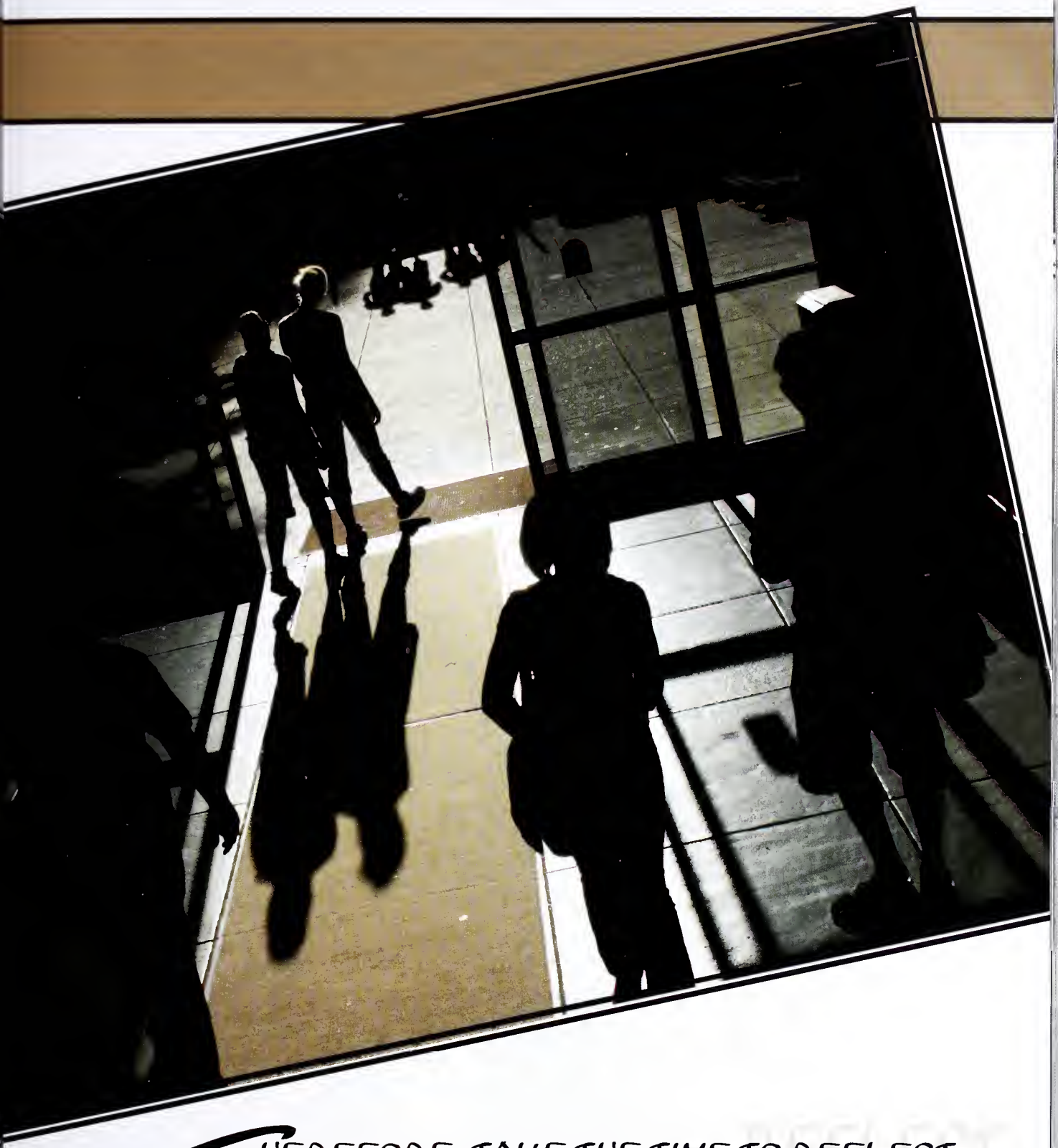
PROLOGUE

A PERSON'S PAST IS AN EXTENSIVE COMPILATION OF ALL THE GOOD AND BAD EXPERIENCES IN HIS OR HER LIFETIME. SINCE BIRTH, THOSE EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN AFFECTING OUR LIVES, SOME FOR ONLY A MOMENT, AND OTHERS FOR AN ETERNITY. THE POINT IS, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY BE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE ARE BLESSED WITH SECOND CHANCES TO MAKE UP FOR THOSE MISTAKES ONCE MADE. AND FOR THOSE CHOICES THAT BORE THE BETTER EXPERIENCES, THESE SECOND CHANCES CAN BE USED TO MAKE THEM EVEN BETTER.

IN ORDER FOR US TO USE THESE SECOND CHANCES TO OUR BEST BENEFIT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE REFLECT ON PAST EXPERIENCES AND LEARN FROM THEM. NOT ONLY OUR OWN EXPERIENCES, BUT THE SIMILAR EXPERIENCES OF OUR ANCESTORS AS WELL. THERE IS NO PROBLEM THAT OUR CURRENT GENERATION CAN GO THROUGH THAT, AT ESSENCE, HASN'T ALREADY BEEN EXPERIENCED AND SOLVED IN THE PAST.



THEREFORE, TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT ON PAST DECISIONS MADE BY YOURSELF AND OTHERS TO HELP MAKE BETTER CHOICES FOR YOURSELF TODAY, AND IN TURN, MAKE YOURSELF A BETTER PERSON.

-KRYSTAL JOHNSON

Genealogy

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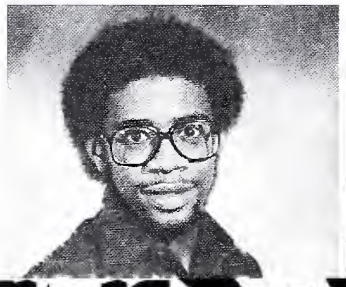


Edward Goodman, III

Donna Green

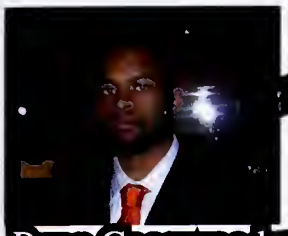
Edward & Desiree Goodman, II

Donald Green

Shirley Green

Many Oakwood students are 2nd, 3rd, or even 4th generation Oakwoodites. Several of us have parents, aunts, uncles, grand and even great-grandparents who have matriculated through Oakwood College (now University). When we think of who has walked these hallowed grounds before us, we hold our heads higher - proud to continue an honored tradition. Here is a look at some of those who have attended before us:

Back to the Beginning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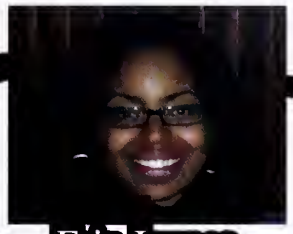
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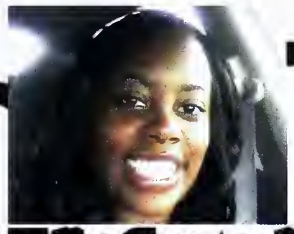

Kellen Coopwood

Kendell Coopwood

Reginald Coopwood

Joan Coopwood

Ronald Coopwood

Len Coopwood

Dawn Boyd

Edwin Joyner

Sarita & William Coopwood

Prologue

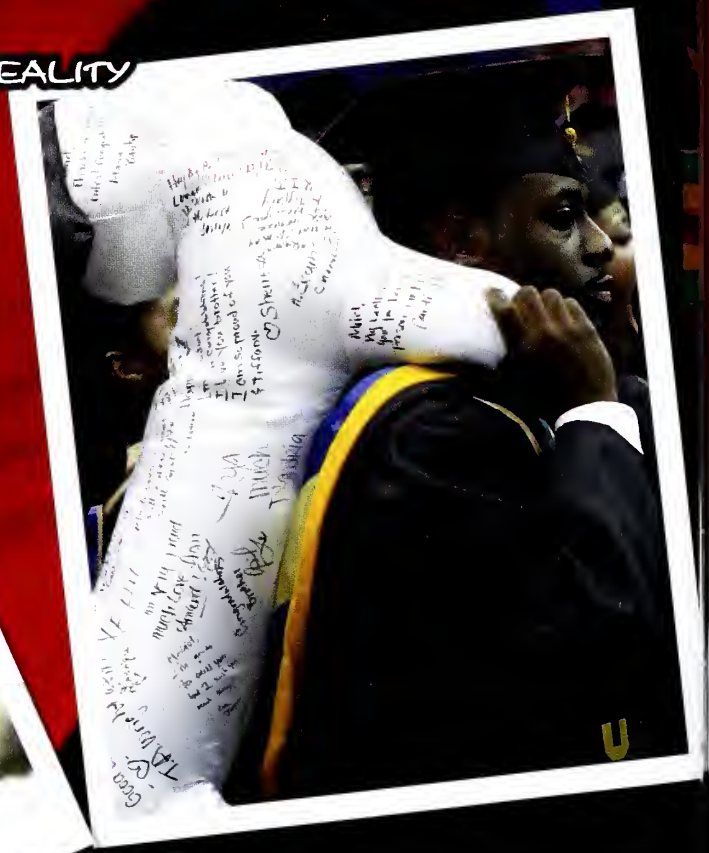
Graduating Class Of 2007

CARDS OF CONGRATULATIONS LITTERING EVERY UNSUSPECTING TABLE AND DESK BY THE DOZENS....

A LONG BLACK GOWN, BLUE-GOLD SASH, AND FUNNY-SHAPED HAT WITH TASSEL DRAPED OVER THE BACK OF A CHAIR...

AN ELEGANT LEATHER FOLDER WHOSE CONTENTS SEAL THE GUARANTEE OF A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR THE ONE SO FORTUNATE TO POSESS IT....

WHAT WAS ONCE THEIR DREAM
IS NOW THEIR REALITY



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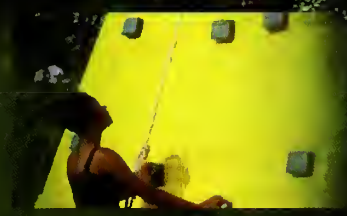

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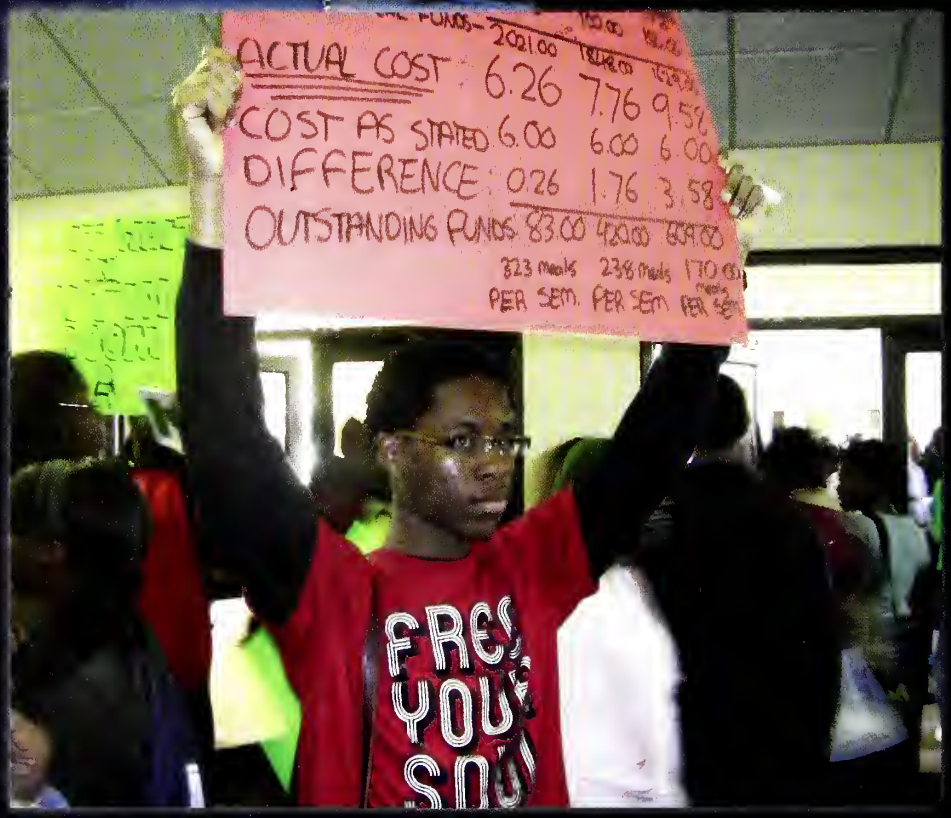
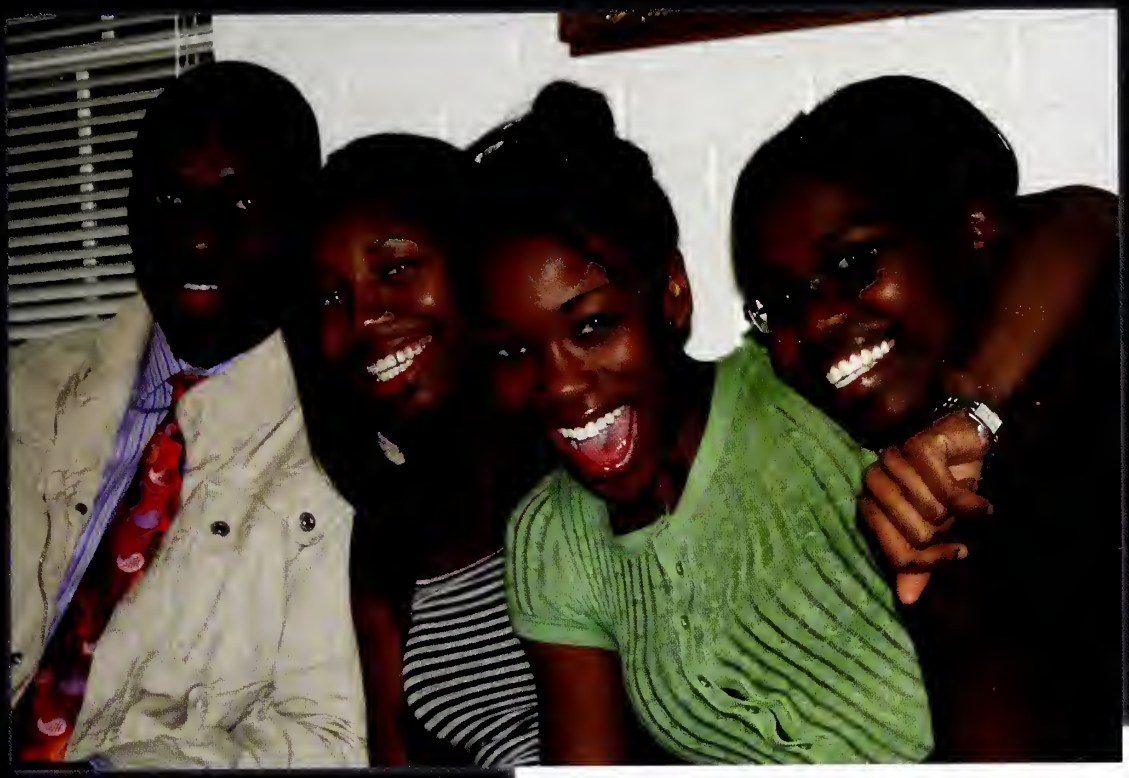


Campus Leaders

Guiding The Way



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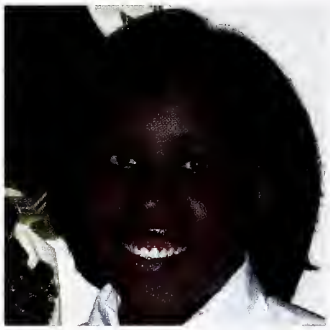

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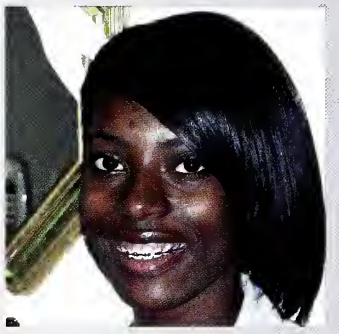

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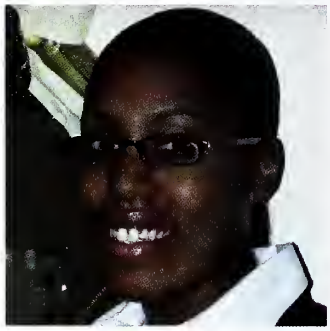

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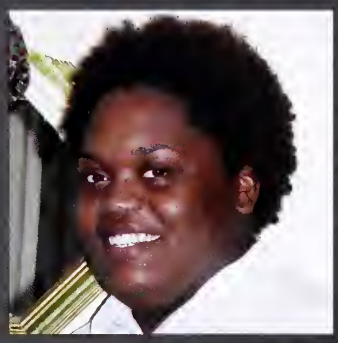

DANIELLE GRANT
PUBLIC RELATIONS
DIRECTOR

President's Message

ANTHONY PASCHAL
PRESIDENT

My Dearest Oakwood,

Reflecting on our year, I've realized just how far we've come. Remember the first time I wrote to you in the "Spreading Oak"? I was apologizing for getting in the way of God, and now I can't help but laugh at such a silly notion. For I have come to realize that this is God's school and God knows exactly what he's doing. The Bible reiterates that it isn't man's agenda but God's agenda that prevails. Today we celebrate those plans and the incredible journey on which God has taken us. We entered this year with high expectations, and because of our commitment to Him and each other, we were not disappointed.

We have attempted to ensure that the "Oakwood Experience" of future Oakwoodites will be an even greater one than that which we have known. Oakwood is made up of students, like you and I, who together, create the United Student Movement. Yes, TOGETHER we create the "Oakwood Experience." From public service in the community to Friday night AYs, and the first Lady Ambassador victory celebration; these are OUR experiences. We've entered and learned. I pray that as we depart we will not fail to take these experiens with us. Together, we have taken ownership of our various situations, prayed, and changed our experiences. So, here's to never forgetting, and to looking forward to new experiences. THE TIME IS NOW; the world needs US--our gifts, our talents, our service, but most of all, our experience: JESUS CHRIST...
BE THE EXPERIENCE!!!

–Anthony Paschal

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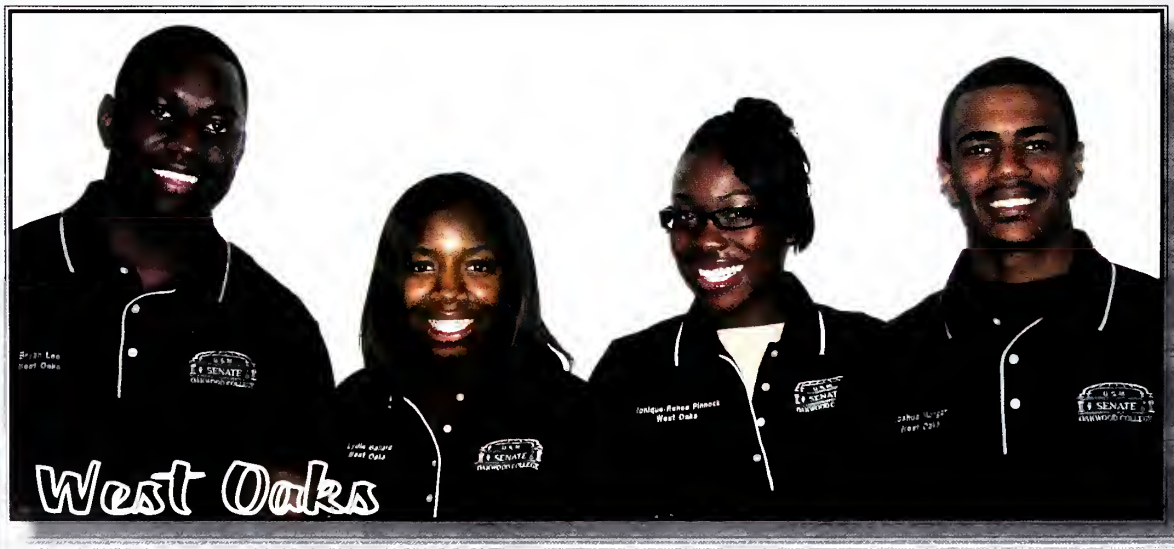

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Lydia Ballard
Monique-Renee Pinnock
Joshua Morgan

WORKING FOR YOU

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Talia Berryhill
Keisha Sanders
Ruth Ralph
Kendall Hester

(Back Row)
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Michelle Cann
Reverne Hazelwood
Shurell Knight
Sasha Mitchell

(Front Row)
Olnee' Charis McLarty
Morgan McGhee
Kemi Adedokun
Raynisha Simmons

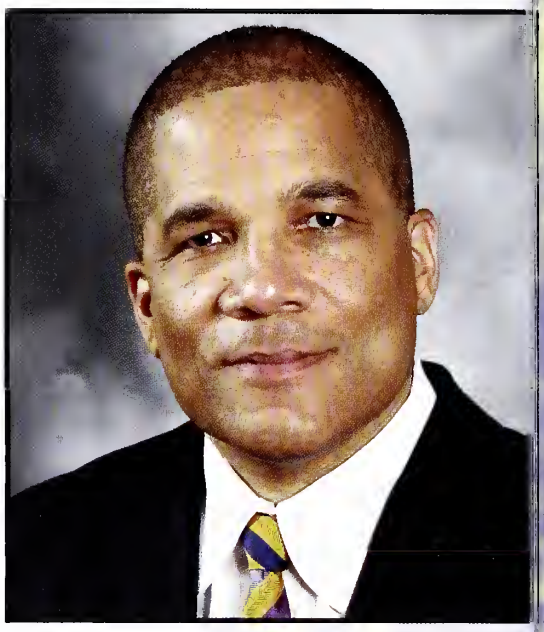
(Not Pictured above)
Benedicta Ekeh
Jenifer Brockington

Lakeshia Oston
Courtney Mingo
Patrick Rumph
Alexandria Frye

(Not Pictured)
Justin Foster
Martha Augustin

Oakwood University

The Power of Reflection



Another year, a new network of friends, and now a dynamic yearbook with powerful visual memories that can be savored for life.

Reflections. What a powerful word! This is truly a year to have reflections. The 2007-2008 academic year has been a powerful string of historic changes at Oakwood College. So there is much on which to reflect.

I can quickly think of three things on which to reflect: First, the dynamic incoming Freshmen and new students. They are brilliant, spiritual and filled with leadership potential. This cohort has the distinction of helping to swell Oakwood enrollment to be the largest in history – well over 1800 students! (I celebrated that milestone by keeping my promise to "dive" into the natatorium pool with a suit on!")

Second, this is the year that we advanced to the next level of academic distinction in According to US News and World Report, we have been listed among the Best Schools in the Southern Region of the United States for ten years in a row; most recently Oakwood was rated as #22 among the 110 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the nation. This was also the year that Oakwood was authorized by its accrediting agency to offer graduate programs! Thus we have made the exciting decision of changing the institutional name from College to University.

Third, this has been a year of record-making fund-raising that has made it possible to construct two major, much needed, facilities on campus – the Bradford, Cleveland, Brooks Leadership Center and the new men's residence hall – to be named Holland Hall in honor of the Holland family's parents commitment to Christian Education.

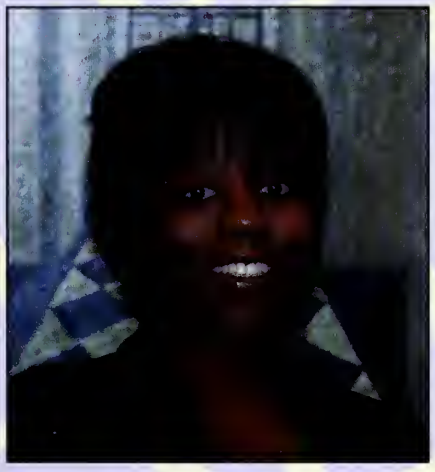
God has His Circle of Providence around Oakwood. So, yes, reflect on your past. Also, introspect, on your present so that you can keep the flame of service burning in your life – Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve. Then project on your future that you constantly realize our aim of Education, Excellence, Eternity and of course, remember to support Oakwood in the years to come. Have a great life!

Delbert W. Baker, President

Administration

Mervyn A. Warren
Provost & Senior VP

John E. Anderson
VP for Academic Affairs



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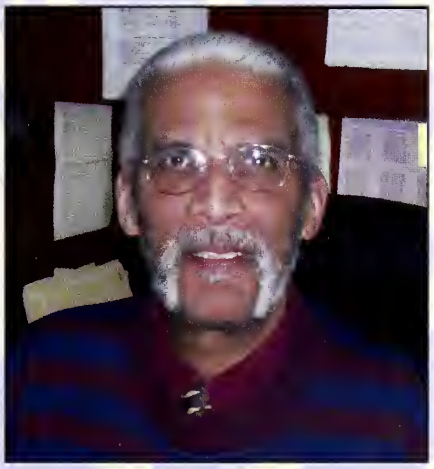

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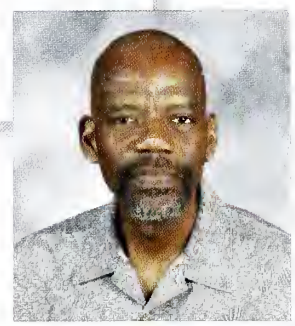

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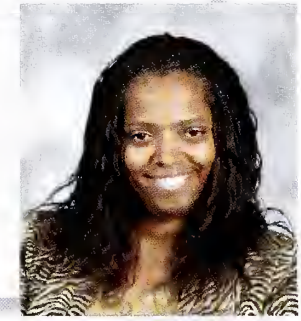

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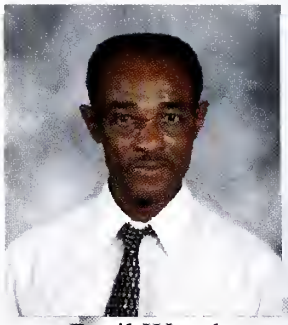

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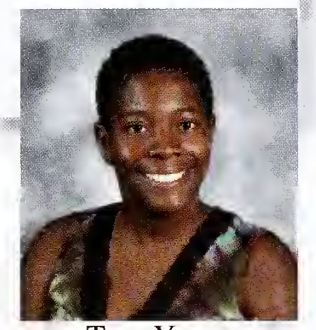

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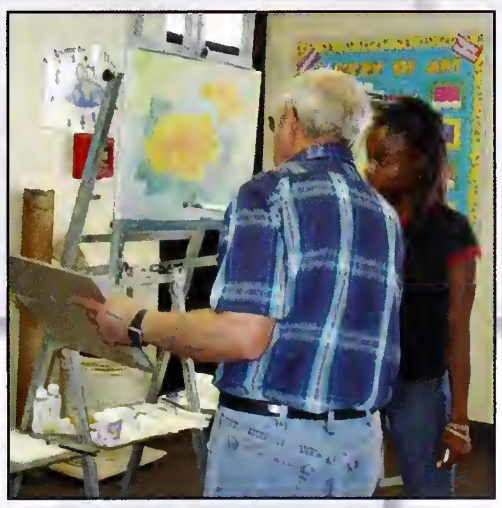
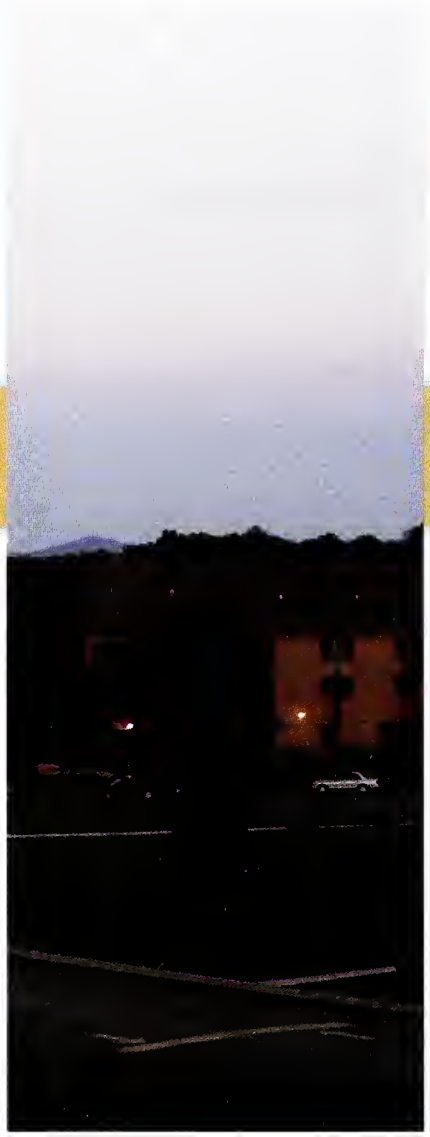


Student Life

The Way We Live



ON Campus Living

Within Campus Lines

Meal plans... Suite-mates... Mandatory worship... Room-check...

Anyplace else, these words would have no significant meaning, but here at Oakwood they all seem to have one thing in common: Dorm Life.

Upon signing our lives away to Oakwood for on campus dorm living, these are just some of the things that we are entitled and ensured to experience. Depending on our level of optimism, living on campus can be viewed as good or bad. One thing for sure is that no matter how we look at it, our experience living on campus is one that we will never forget.

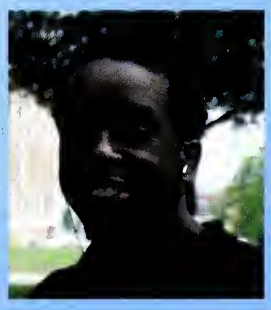
> "Our experience living on campus is one that we will never forget."

Whether it be inspiring early morning worship services or surprise midnight fire drills, a wide selection of study buddys, or power hungry R.A.'s, we are guaranteed to take a story back home in addition to our description of the "Oakwood Experience."

Residents

Alphonso Davis
Edwards Hall

Toya Bennett
Wade Hall



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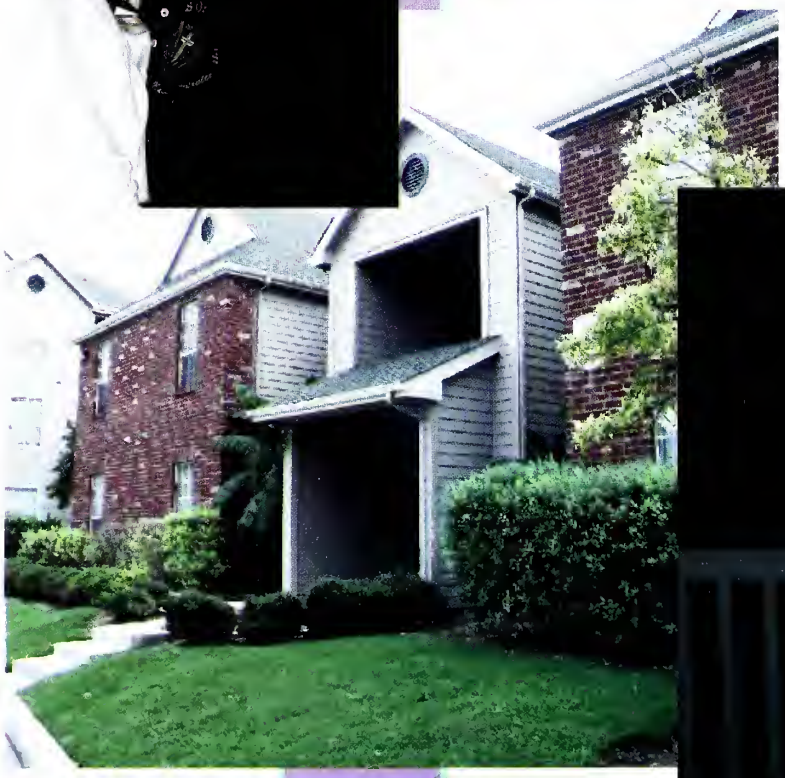


OFF Campus Living

Outside OC Borders

Paying rent and buying grocries is an even trade for freedom when it comes to our upperclassmen. After spending those first years of college experiencing OC dorm life, most are more than happy to stretch their wings beyond the campus lines. Making the transition from being a sheltered college student to an independent goal driven scholar takes time, which is why the privilege is only offered to the upperclassmen. Although off campus students tend to be less knowledgeable about OC events, they still manage to make themselves present at major gatherings suchas the basketball games [Ambassadors] and Friday night AY services. This proves that although upperclassmen may enjoy living off campus, their's something about OC that keeps bringing them back for more

> "Most are happy to stretch their wings beyond the campus lines."

Residents

Cherie St. Bernard
Sophomore

Matthew English
Senior.

Frank McGinnis Jr.
Senior

Dennis Baptiste Jr.
Junior

- Moonlight -

THERE ARE ONE TOO MANY THINGS
THAT I WANT IN LIFE RIGHT NOW
BUT WHAT I REALLY NEED IS AN EMBRACE
JUST TWO ARMS TO HOLD ME
AND A CHEST TO BRACE ME
AND A CHIN TO REST ON MY HEAD
IM NEEDING CONNECTION
GROUNDING
SOMETHING TO ROOT ME TO THIS LIFE
BECAUSE MY CHAKRA'S FALTERING
REFLECTING THE FACT
THAT IM NOT SURE HOW PRESENT I AM IN THE HERE AND NOW
AND HERE AND NOW
I NEED SOMEONE TO REASSURE ME
SOMEONE TO WIPE MY TEARS AND SOOTHE ME
SOMEONE TO HOLD ME TIGHT AND LET ME KNOW
THAT STRUGGLES DONT LAST FOREVER
AND I KNOW THAT HE IS WITH ME
AND HE HAS GONE BEFORE ME
AND HE WONT LET ME FALL
BECAUSE HE HOLDS MY HAND
AND HE LOVES ME
AND HE WANTS NOTHING BUT TO SEE ME SHINING
SHINING LIKE THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN HE CREATED IN ME...
BUT
HOW CAN THE MOON SHINE WITHOUT A SUN

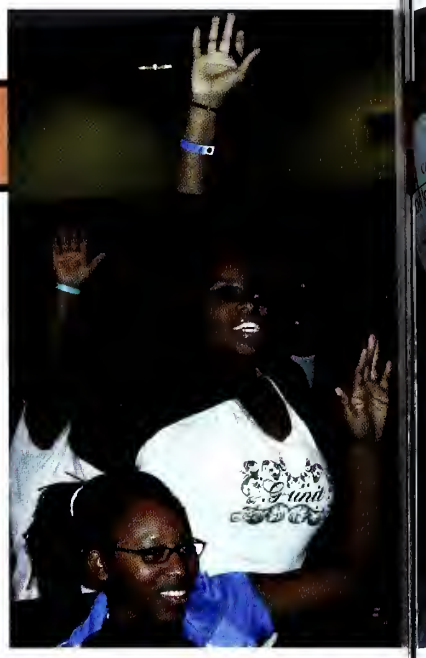
-Caleisha

- Beautiful Struggle -

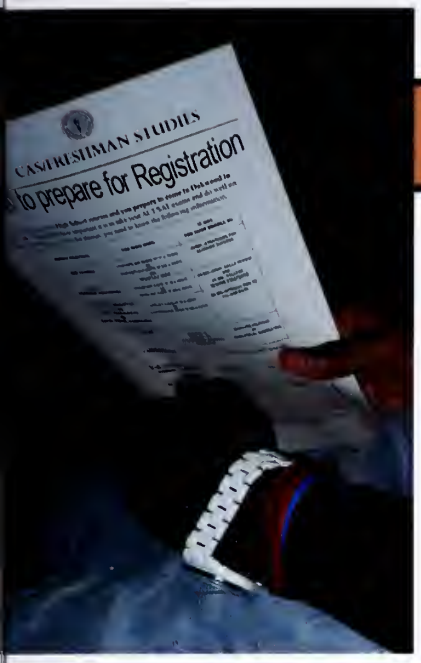
Once in a while I smile
Like I used to
Holding on to the sunshine
Trying to keep this struggle
Beautiful
But I seem to have a talent
For runnin into the rain
That water drowns out my laugh
And my smile just aint the same
I walk with my head down
And slide my feet through the dirt
Tryin to add together the reasons I have
For swallowing up this hurt
But life is more than
The events that take place – it's
More aimed towards your reactions
And the ways you choose to face it
So here I am
Struggling to smile more
Show the me that I adore
Searching for the happiness
That in the past I know I bore
Looking to smile
Just the way I used to
Wanting to smile
Just the way I used to
But for this time I'll
Just keep this struggle
Beautiful.

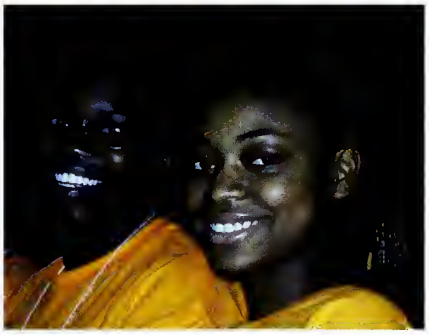
Thompkins-

COLLEGE DAYS 2007



THIS COLLEGE DAYS HAS BEEN EVALUATED BY MANY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE TRANSFERS AS THE BEST COLLEGE DAYS EVER, WITH OVER 1000 STUDENT, BOTH AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL, COMING TO VISIT OAKWOOD'S CAMPUS."





NEXTYEAR?

"WE ALREADY HAVE NEXT YEAR'S BROCHURE'S PRINTED AND READY TO BE MAILED FOR OAKWOOD'S COLLEGE DAYS, OCTOBER, 5TH – 7TH."

"THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE WAS A HIT. MANY DVD'S WERE SOLD AND THE SERVICE WAS DISPLAYED LIVE ON THE INTERNET. NEXT YEAR WE PLAN TO USE THE SAME STRATEGY BUT MAKE IT EVEN BETTER. "

– JASON MCCRACKEN
ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Student

Classification - Freshman

Major - Social Work

Goal - Become a probation officer

Reflection - I learned that You have to do things on your own

Earl White

Classification - Sophomore

Major - Education

Goal - Become a teacher and be a positive influence to students

Reflection - I've learned to put everything in god's hands and to fully submit myself to him, and everything will fall into place.

Rebecca Wade

Classification - Senior

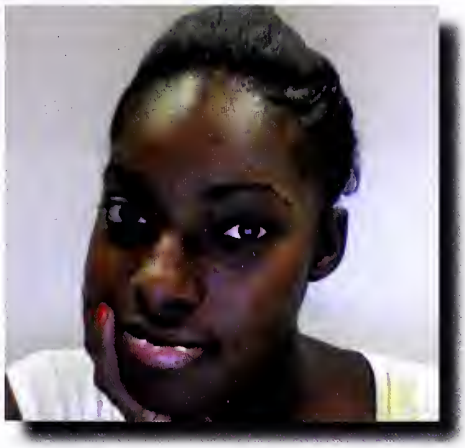
Major - Applied Mathematics/engineering

Goal - I want to help people any way possible

Reflection - In order to be successful, you have to do what the other guy won't do, in order to get what the other guy doesn't have.

Nehemiah Mabry

Reflections



Classification - sophomore

Major - biology

Goal - I want to be a veteranarian

Reflection - Everyone's different, and you have to be patient and tolerant.

Vannessa Dawkins

Classification - Sophomore

Major - Computer information systems

Goal - to be designing programs for company's

Reflection - always stay dedicated and focused on what you're trying to do.

Chris Umbles

Classification - Junior

Major - Theology/psychology

Goal - For God to use me as a vessel

Reflection - when things aren't going my way, it's a learning experience, and not always for my demise.

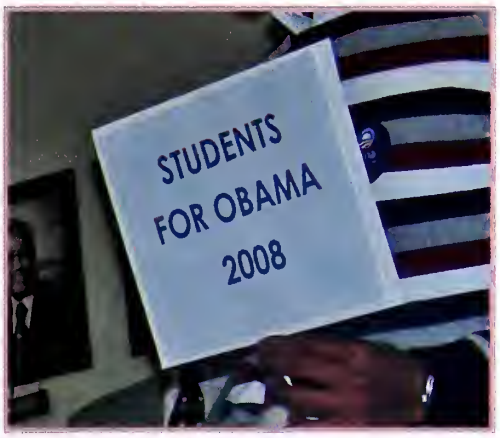
Ashley Akubuiro

The war in Iraq should

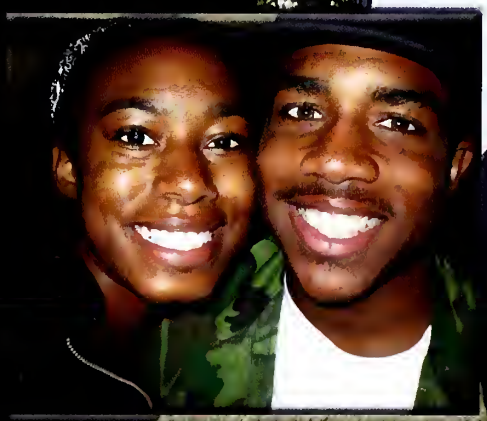
Manning the Booth

The 2008 Presidential election is one that is guaranteed to go down in history books. With Democrats such as Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama running in the primary elections, our nation could possibly choose its first female or African-American president, respectively. John Edwards is yet another major candidate campaigning for the Democratic nomination. On the Republican platform, Mike Huckabee, John McCain and Mitt Romney are just a few of the names that will appear on the primary voting ballots to represent the Republican party.

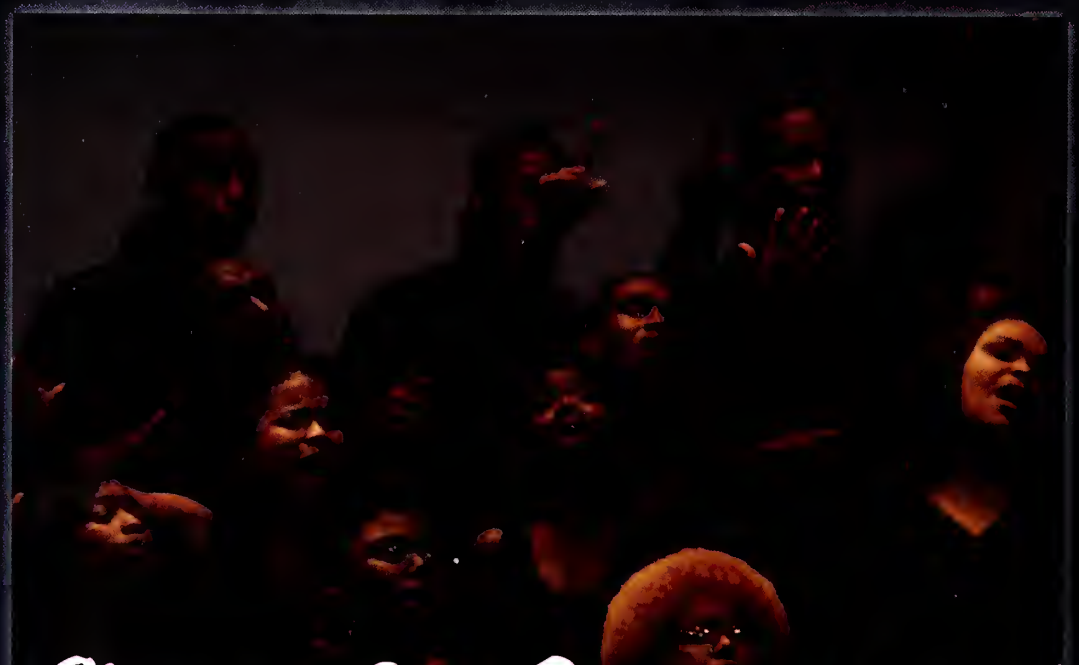
Because of such a diverse collection of political candidates, it is very important that the Oakwood student body register to vote, and that is just what they did. With the help of a dedicated team of Obama supporters, over 300 students completed the process of voter registration in less than a week. This will not only prepare students for the primary elections, but it will also prepare our nation for a better future.



CHILLIN' OUT MAXIN'



AND RELAXIN' ALL



Clubs & Organizations

Getting Involved

Sounds Of Music

Choirs at the OU

Oakwood University has been known as one of the greatest producers of all types of spiritual music.The Aeolians, currently directed by Professor Wayne Bucknor, was founded in 1944 by Dr. Eva B. Dykes as Oakwood's official traveling choir. Dynamic Praise, started by Owen Simons, originated as a humble freshman choir on the stairs of Peters Hall. In 1994, Voices of Triumph had its humble beginning as an alternative for those seeking something a little different from Dynamic Praise. Roy Gaiter is the current director of the choir as well as one of the bassists. Conquerors in Christ is the newest gospel choir started as the Freshmen Choir of the Class of 2010 by director Ricardo McGinnis. Harmony and Committed, two student gospel groups, provide additional proof of the talent that our students possess and the potential they have to minister to the world.

by Peter Webb

AEOLIANS/ COLLEGE CHOIR

VOICES OF TRIUMPH

CONQUERORS IN CHRIST

DYNAMIC PRAISE

Literature Evangelists

L.E.T.G has been established by the Lord; and if conducted in harmony with His purpose, the youth sent to Oakwood will be prepared to engage in various branches of missionary work. Some will be trained to enter the field as nurses, some as canvassers, some as evangelists, some as teachers, and some as gospel ministers.

Talk with the Hand is a club designed to teach and strengthen American Sign Language skills, and to also spread Deaf awareness throughout the campus demonstrating the importance of Deaf Ministries in the Church. They work in the community with Deaf individuals and create and attend Deaf Events.

Talk with the Hand

Student Dietetic Assoc.

The purpose of the Oakwood College Student Dietetic Association shall be to provide a spiritual, social, and academic framework for meaningful student involvement and to stimulate interest in the profession of dietetics.

National Society of Black Engineers

NSBE was established to provide Computer Information Systems, Information Technology, Computer Science, as well General Business majors a chance to enhance their networking, interviewing, marketing, fundraising, leadership, and computer skills for future services in the real world.

The Communications Club collaborates every field of communications to work together in special projects, to gain experience through hands on application, and to actively promote the highest standards of communication through students in knowledge, experience, and in all aspects of life within communications.

Communications Club

Phi Beta Lambda

The misson of Phi Beta Lambda is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. This club is open to all business majors interested in advanving into the business world with a firm foundation.

Social Work

The purpose of the club is to create an official forum where all Social Work students can interface with each other in an effort to creat learning opportunities that will deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Social Work profession.

The mission of the Biological Honors Club is to promote academic excellence and community service. Members will be exposed to various science related career opportunities, post undergrad institutions and scholarships. Members will be encouraged to participate in community service activities.

Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society

Art & Soul

A place for pensive, poetic performers.
An empty page to fill with the creative juices (aka: ink).
A moment of insanity for the mundane.
An influx of order for the eccentric.
A warning of doom for the condemned.
An image of heaven for the home-bound pilgrim.
Art&Soul is an open space for self-expression. This self-expression may vent issues, minister, or simply express issues of the soul.

Pre-Alumni Council

In harmony with the National Pre-Alumni Council(NPAC), the purpose of the Oakwood College Pre-Alumni Councail shall be to stimulate the interest and participation of students in the progress of the United Negro College Fund to preserve and further loyalty in fellowship between Oakwood college and other UNCF member institutions, their students and alumni.

The mission of the Pre-Veterinary Club at Oakwood College is to introduce students to opportunities and information related to animals and veterinary medicine. An environment is provided where students can get together to share experiences and become involved in a variety of academic, social and spiritual activities.

Pre-Veterinary Club

Mkono-Nia

The mission of Mkono-Nia is to spread to Love of God and his message to a world in dire need. Through the medium of drama, we strive to produce spiritual, relevant, and real presentations that meet people where they are and introduce them to Christ. And it is our prayerful desire that our lives, onstage and offstage, are constant reflections of the joy that is found in Jesus.

National Society of Leadership and Success

The National Society of Leadership and Success is a nationwid organization designed to help students' dream come true. It helps through networking, peer support, expert advice, coaching, and testimony. It is designe to develop leaders and to unlock the potentiai Our mission is to convince others to drea big and also to provide them with the necessar tools.

The Religion and Theology Forum serves as an extension to the Religion and Theology Department, in providing extra practical training for, but not restricted to, all theology majors and minors. Our endeavor is to have more forums than anything else, in keeping with our name. We believe that Jesus Christ is the center of attraction, and our theme is, More About Jesus.

Religion & Theology Forum

Stand Ministries

Stand Ministries implements diverse programs of arts, education, health, and social awareness that enhance the spiritual development of both the young men at Three Springs Detention Center and its members Stand Ministries core mission is seeking thosi who are willing to stand for Christ.

Oakwood Biomedical Asso.

The Oakwood Bio-Medical Association (OBMA), is an organization that seeks to encourage students to consider and prepare for scientific, medical, dental, and veternary medicine. By presenting the various career options, students will be able to decide on the field they would like to go into.

Our mission is to provide educational tools for academic success and professional development within the field of Psychology. We also seek to develop and maintain a mentoring community with departmental faculty and students, as well as serve the community at large. As members develop academically, professionally, and in servitude, we strive to create and maintain a sense of camaraderie conducive for personal and spiritual growth.

Psychology Club

Oakwood Ecology Club

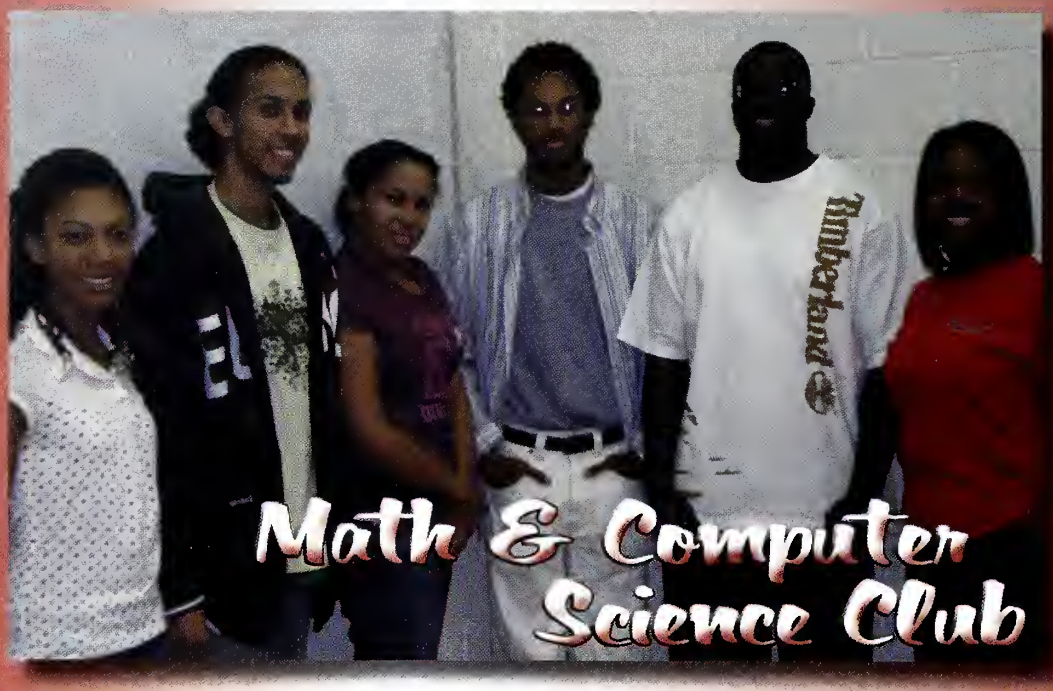
Through promoting ecological awareness, the Ecology Club encourages sustainable development, and promotes global responsibility. It strives to set Oakwood apart, as a school that will take an active role in leading the way for ecological reform.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational academic honor society. Its purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction.

Girls' Awareness through Motivational Empowerment (GAME), organize under God to create a support system of upper-class women to incoming freshme lades. GAME will strive to embody all aspects of spiritual awareness, academi excellence, mental preparedness, as well as physical, social and professiona growth. The result will be a unified body of well-rounded women in constan progression.

'HE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB SHALL BE TO: (A) PROVIDE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF ALL ALLIED HEALTH CAREERS, (B) TO ASSIST STUDENTS OF OAKWOOD COLLEGE IN DEVELOPING KILLS AND LEADERSHIP ROLES, AND (C) TO PREPARE STUDENTS ACADEMICALLY, SOCIALLY, PIRITUALLY, AND PHYSICALLY, FOR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL AND THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN HEALTHCARE.

OUR MISSION IS TO ASSIST YOUNG LADIES IN ACHIEVING CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, TRUST AND DEDICATION. THEREFORE, GAINING LEADERSHIP SKILLS THAT WILL PREPARE EACH MEMBER FOR SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WORK FORCE.



Math & Computer Science Club

The Mathematics & Computer Science Club was established in 2003 with the purpose to educate its members on the practical applications of mathematics and computer science through social interactions, attendance of seminars, and exposure to educational opportunities.

Spreading Oak

The Spreading Oak is dedicated to bringing information and inspiration to a unite student body. Like the lofty Oak trees that adorn Oakwood's campus, this officia student publication is a central part of Oakwood's illustrious history tree. Wit roots forever planted in Oakwood's rich history, The Spreading Oak continues t spread is pages to reveal only the best in student journalism.

Students Overseas

Danielle Alexander
Toria Banks
Judy Delva
Ashley Holland
Shantel Luckett
Shalondra McKinney
Abdulla Sutherland, Jr.
Brandon Turner

Hodson Charles
Nixon Jeanniton
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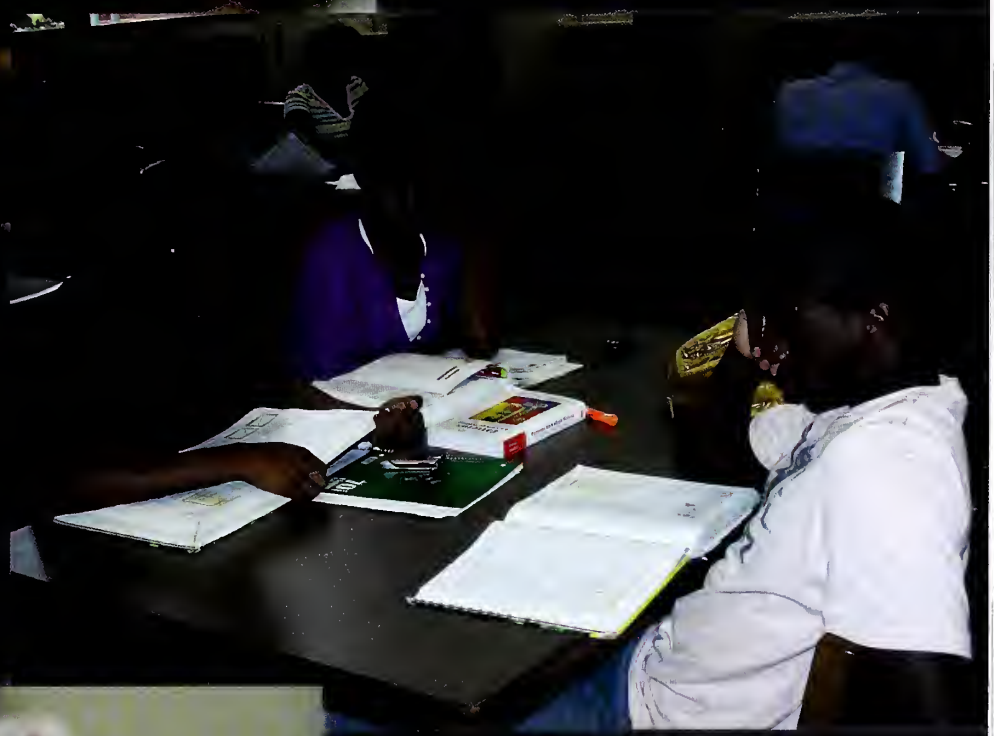
Academics

Our Main Goal



New Year New Name Same High Aim

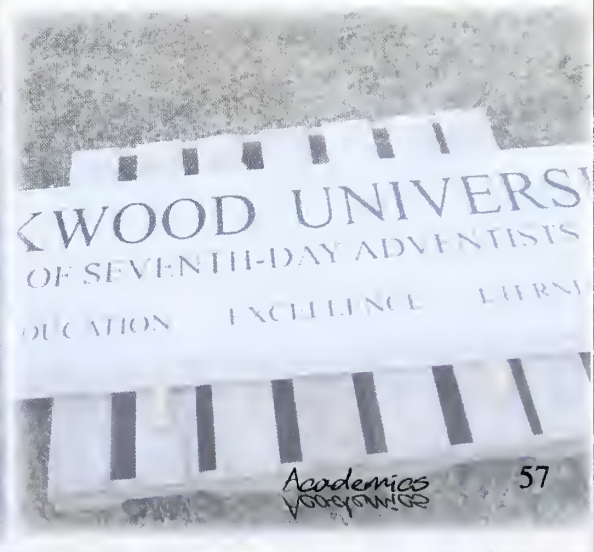
Some never would have imagined that a school of such humble beginnings would become a distinguished university. There is no doubt that Oakwood has changed greatly throughout the years. The institution has blossomed from its initial status as Oakwood Industrial School in 1896, to Oakwood Manual Training School in 1904, to Oakwood Junior College in 1917, and Oakwood College in 1943. On January 1, 2008, Oakwood College became Oakwood University. The numbers on campus have paralleled the academic progression. The student population has grown from 16 students at Oakwood's inception to just over 1,800 students today, the number of faculty has increased from a principal and three teachers to nearly 300 faculty and staff members, and the size of the campus has expanded from 360 acres to 1,185 acres. Through it all, Oakwood's focus is still "Education, Excellence, Eternity," and the campus has maintained its loving, spiritual atmosphere and uplifting social environment that have become synonymous with the "Oakwood Experience."

With growth and new advancements come new challenges. However, we can rest assured that the same God who brought us through in times past is able to keep us both now and in the future. As students, faculty, and staff, we can continue to have pride in this noble and historically rich institution that we now call Oakwood University.

by Emeka Buffong

OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY

Education Excellence Eternity



What's your

Ashlee Byers

Health Care

"I want to work with people and take over my mother's general practice."

Anthony Fuller

Theology

"I want to start a world youth ministry, and inform young people about God's love."

Major Why?

Hassan Boone

Business Administration

"I want to own and manage a major record label."

Erica Fike

Health Care

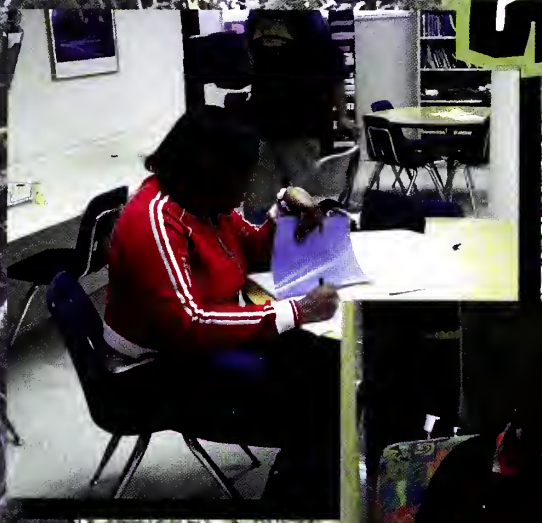
"I want to start my own seventh-day adventist hospital."

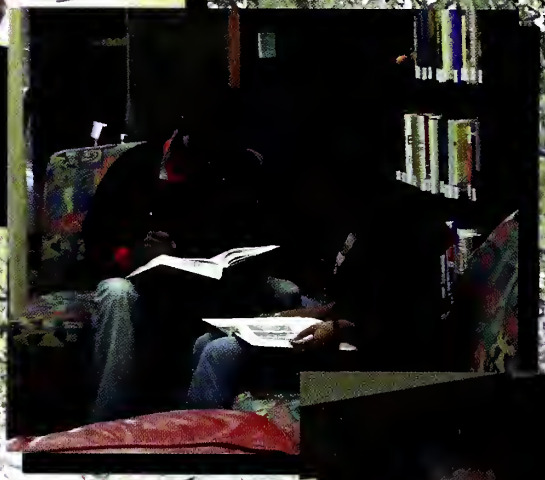
Cheryce Bone

Music Education

"I want to share my gift with the world and teach others to develop and share theirs."

Top 5 Places to Study





Library

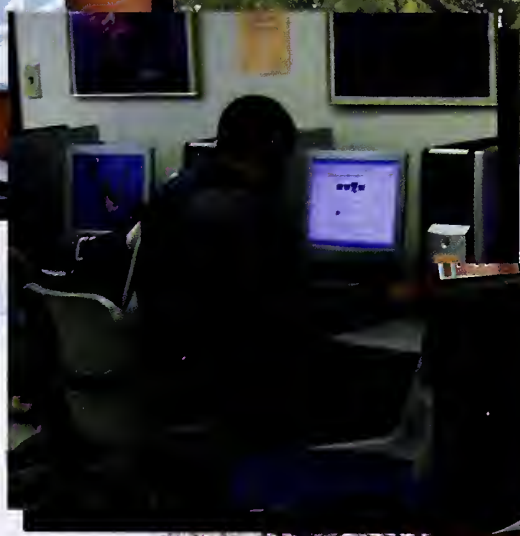
CAS

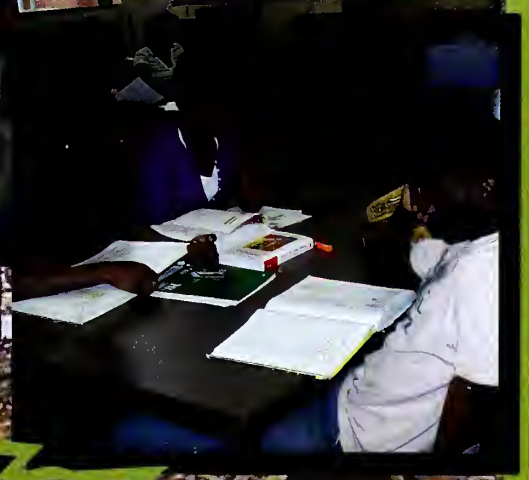
Living & Learning Center

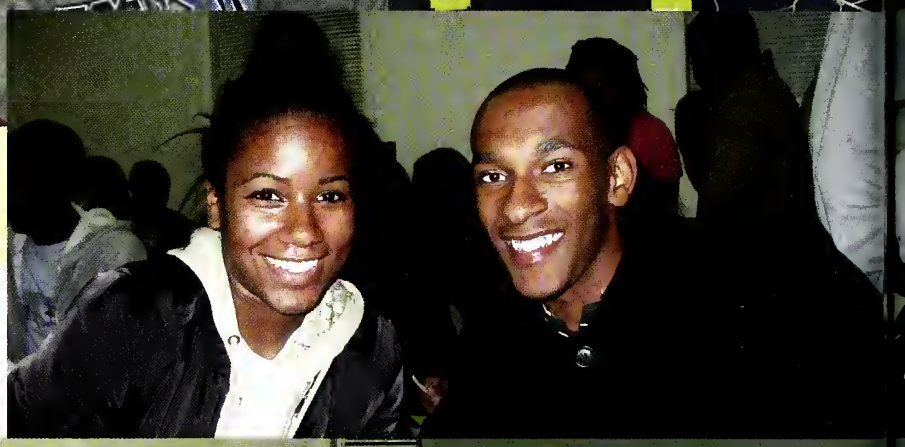
Dorm Room

Top 5 Pre-Study Tips

1. SOCIALIZE!!
2. Turn the phone off!!
3. Have Devotion
4. Eat
5. Clear your mind







HONDA CAMPUS ALL-STAR CHALLENGE

A MAJOR DUTY OF THE USM ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT IS TO PLAN THE CAMPUS TOURNAMENT FOR THE ANNUAL HONDA CAMPUS ALL-STAR CHALLENGE, THE PREMIER QUIZ BOWL TOURNAMENT FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

A GREAT DEAL OF PLANNING WENT INTO COORDINATING THE 2007 CAMPUS OURNAMENT INCLUDING POSTING FLYERS AROUND CAMPUS, MAKING NNOUNCEMENTS IN CHAPEL, RECRUITING STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE, NCOURAGING PAST PARTICIPANTS TO PLAY AGAIN, AND SUBMITTING PAYMENT EQUISITIONS FOR PRIZE MONEY AND REFRESHMENTS, ALL FOR "THE BIG EVENT." HIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, AND IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN OSSIBLE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS. THANKS)AKWOOD FOR MAKING "THE CHALLENGE" GREAT!

-RYAN D LANG
USM ACADEMIC VICE

Oakwood University

Name: Loreal McInnes
Major: Dietetics
Hometown: Mobile, AL

Opinion: "Definitely an experience. Oakwood University has been a journey that has had its ups and downs. Through all the experiences this is one I will never regret. It has built my relationship with God."

Name: Loward Ziv Piper
Major: Computer information Systems
Hometown: Antigua

Opinion: "It really is not a big deal because nothing much has changed. I'm being honest. When I see results I'll let you know then."

Name: Flore Aubry-Hamilton
Chemistry Dept.
Hometown: French Island of Martique

Opinion: "I think it's a good move. I hope that soon we will have more Masters and PHD degrees too so that students can stay here and finish.

Name: Kenneth Lai Hing
Chemistry Dept. Chair
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY/Trinidad

Opinion: "It's an excellent idea. It lets the world know we're an institution of higher learning. It opens up more opportunities in funding and recruitment, for it is a university.

Name: Firma Francisque
Major: Biology
Hometown: Boston, MA

Opinion: "I think it is premature, just because you have one masters program it doesn't make you a university. They should have waited until they had at least three masters programs to even consider the name change."

Name: Andrew Penn
Major: International Studies
Hometown: Nassau, Bahamas

Opinion: "It's great. It would help bring more attention to the school. It would put us on a larger scale with the other SDA Universities."

Feedback

A Prayer for Finals

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not flunk;
He keepeth me from lying down when I should be studying.
He leadeth me beside the water cooler for a study break.
He restoreth my faith in study guides.
He leads me to better study habits
For my grade's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of borderline grades,
I will not have a nervous breakdown For Thou art with me.
My prayers and my friends, they comfort me.
Thou givest me answers in moments of blankness;
Thou annointest my head with understanding.
My test paper runneth over with questions I recognize.
Surely passing grades and flying colors shall follow me.
All the days of my examination,
And I shall not have to dwell in this university forever,

AMEN

What do the Experts say?

"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."

~Alvin Toffler

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

~Sydney J. Harris

"The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook."

~William James

"Learn as much as you can while you are young, since life becomes too busy later."

~Dana Stewart Scott

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."

~Aristotle

"Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance."

~Confucius

"Knowledge rests not upon truth alone, but upon error also."

~Carl G. Jung

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future."

~George Bernard Shaw

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

~Andy McIntyre and Derek Bok

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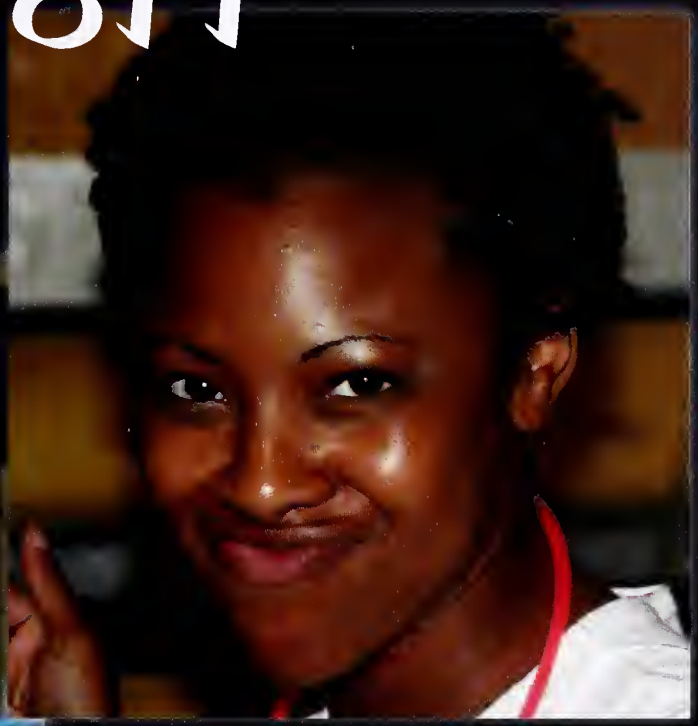
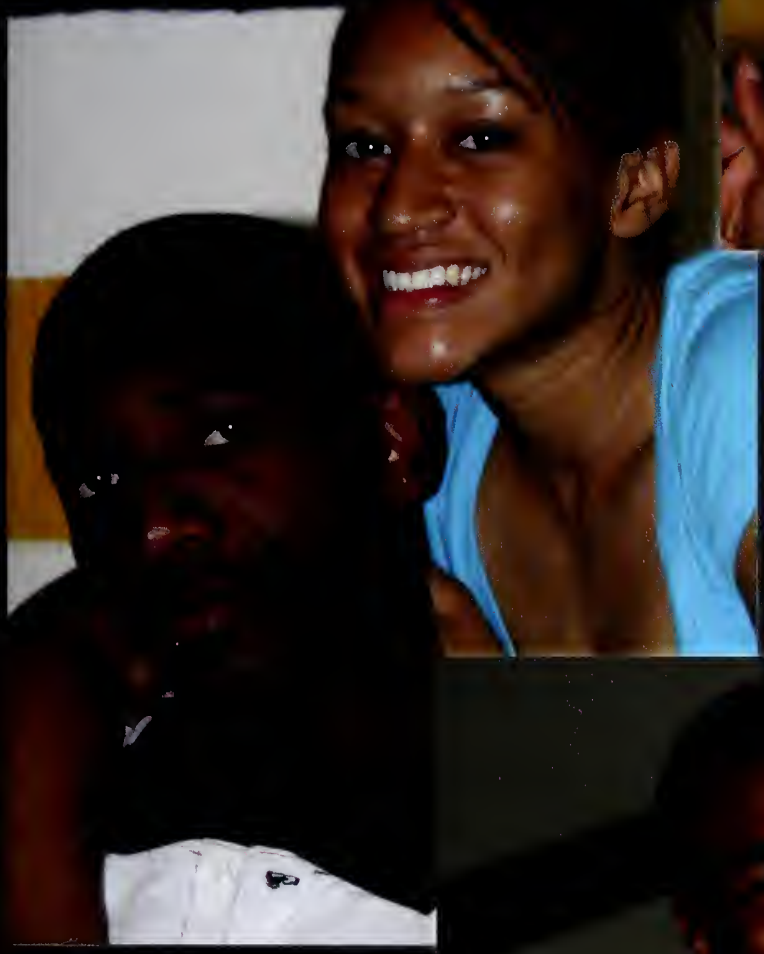
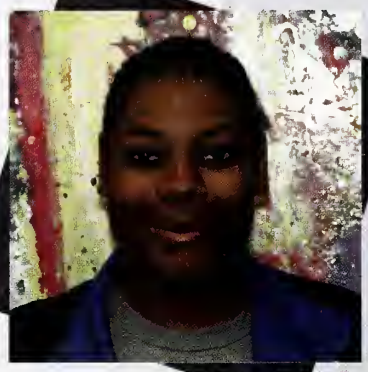
Freshmen Reflections

Class Of 2011







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ARELL MILLS
PARLIAMENTARIAN

CLASS OF

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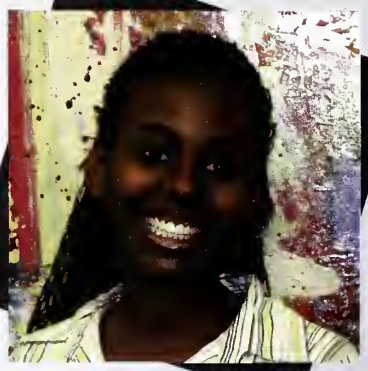

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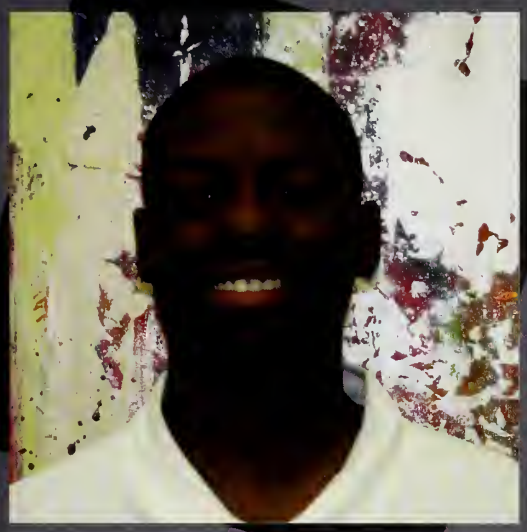
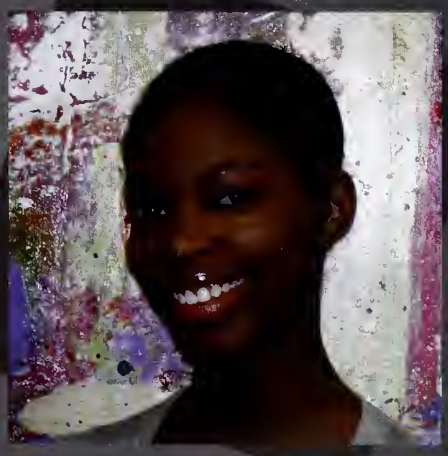
FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS



DAVID E. FRASER III
PRESIDENT



JASMINE SUGGS
VICE PRESIDENT

Registration

Orientation

FRESHMAN Consecration

Freshmen Reflections

Yaw Abu-bonsrah
Aaron Adedokun
Benjamin Adkins
Ashley Akins
Akintunde Akinsanya
Abena Akrofi

Deidre Alexander
Phylicia Alexander
Muhammad Ali
Krystal Allen
Leslie Allen
Jermaine Alveranga

Wilbur Ampey III
Daryl Anderson
Jasmine Anderson
Ronald Anderson
Tredant Anderson
Joseph Andrews

Alicia Angrand
Amy Angrand
Donovan Anthony
Gloria Appiah
William Appiah
Marcelis Ashley

Kezia Atengdem
Tabia Augustin
Lenny Bacchus
Alyce Bailey
Elizaheth Bailey
Andrew Baker

Ashley Baldwin
Nelson Ball
Earsul Banks
Jourdan Baptiste
Jessica Bardu
Karyle Barnes

Debbie Barreau
Belinda Bassett
Dwight Batson
Amber Batten
Leah Bel-jean
Destiny Bell

Kasandra Bell
Kris Bell
De`nerikka Benjamin
James Bennett
Lehdeen Bennett
Michael Bennett

Tony Benson
Ja-ne Best
Andrew Bethea
Christopher Bispham
Jade Black
Jamal Black

Stefani Black
Hazel Blackman
Kristen Blair
Shanique Blake
James Bloodsaw II
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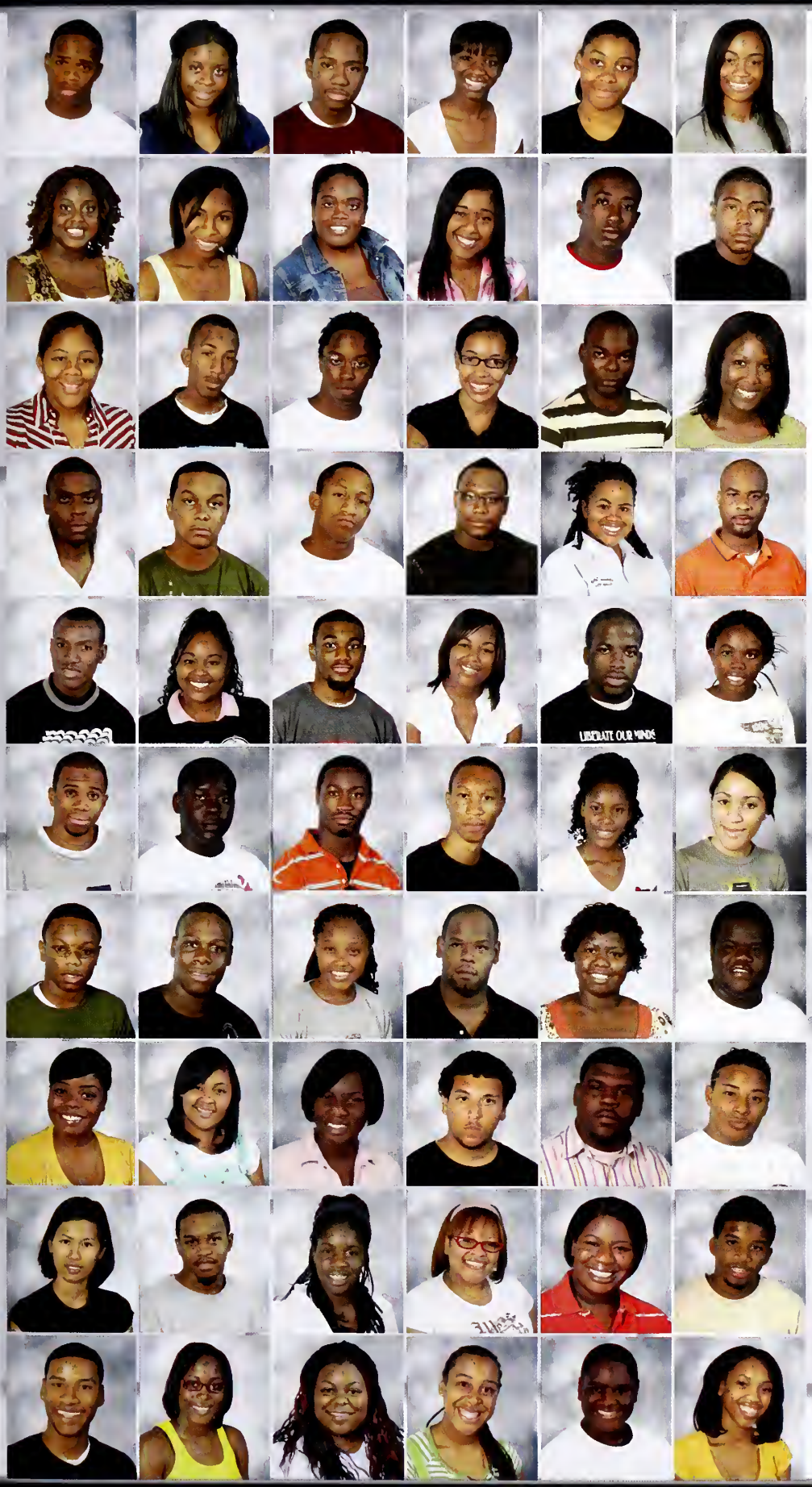

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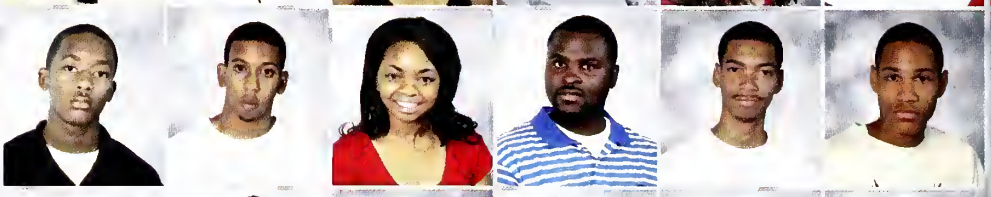

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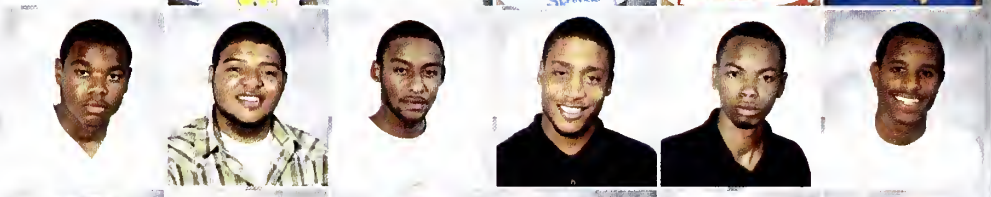

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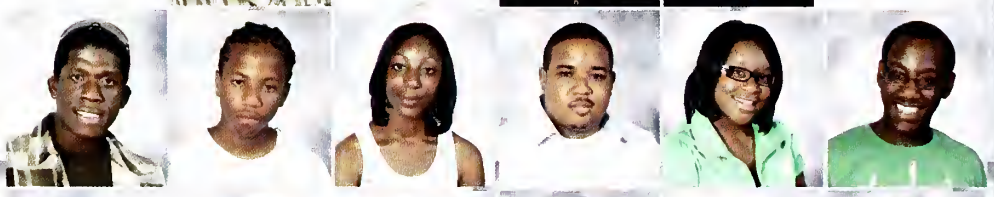

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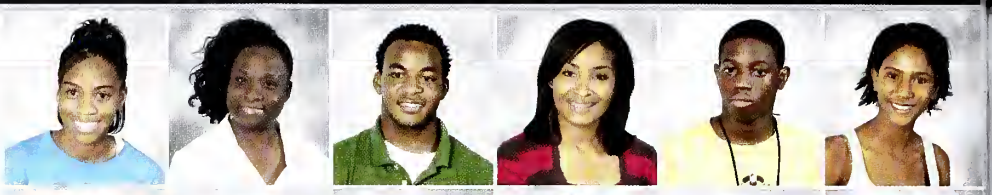

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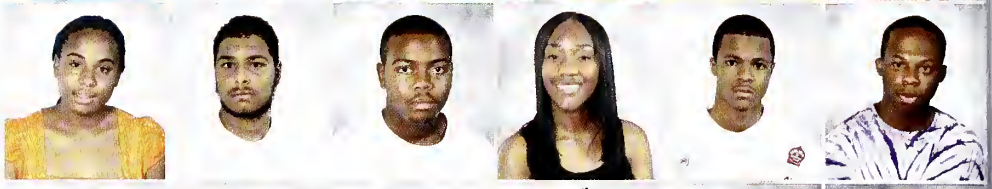

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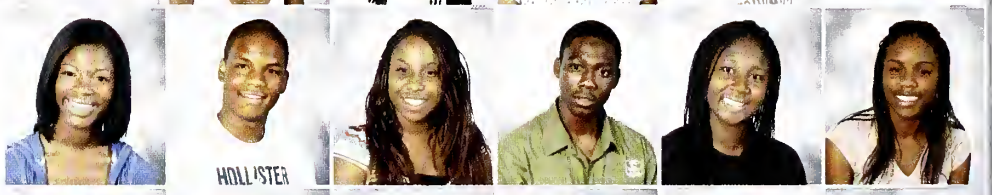

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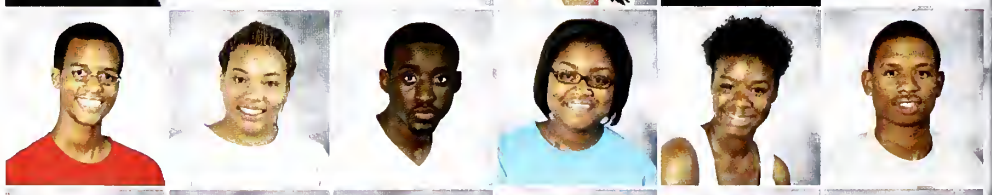

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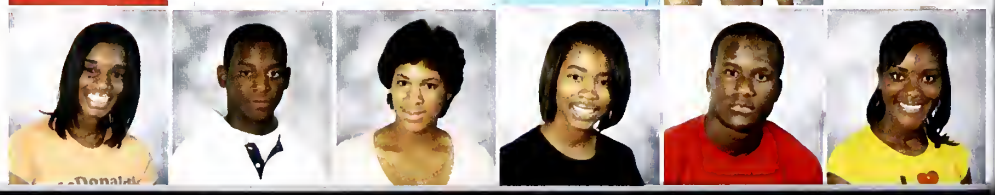

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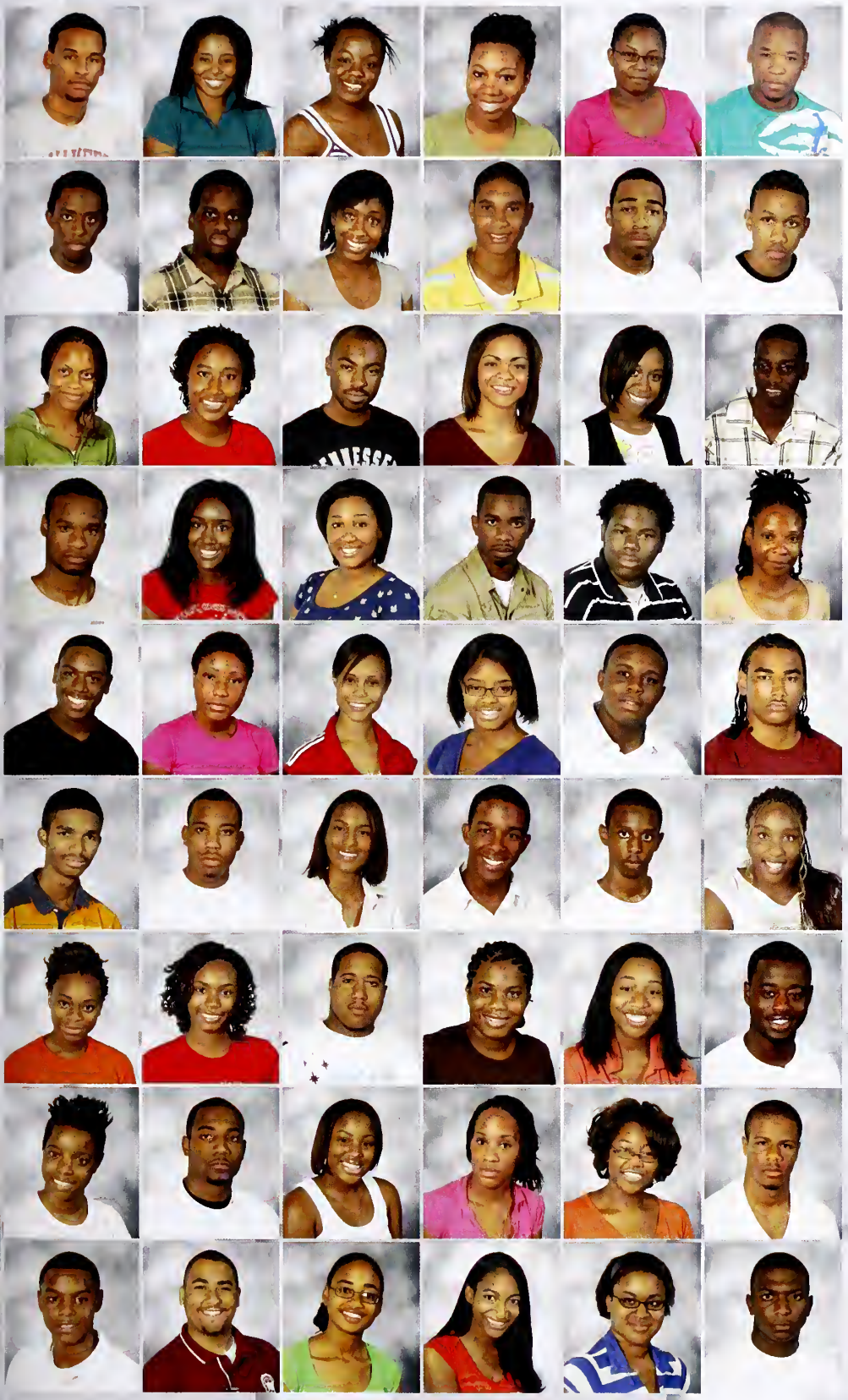

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Spiritual Life

Growing Closer To Christ

Agape Day 2007

At Oakwood College, service is greatly emphasized, even to the point that it is a part of our motto: "Enter to learn, depart to serve." As Christians, we are constantly reminded to show the love of Christ to each other. The Administration of Oakwood College in cooperation with the USMReligious Vice President sponsored Agape Huntsville Day 2007, and the event was a great success.

Hundreds of students went throughout the city to serve and show love by cleaning up several neighborhoods and praying with residents. The appreciation was expressed vocally. "It's good to see young Black kids giving back to their community," one man said. "We really appreciate what you're doing," said a woman after praying with students.

"I'm glad that I did not sleep in like I had planned" was the response of many students upon returning to campus after a morning filled with service. When love is shown to others, it's immediately given back to you!

–Sanique Antonio

New Ministries

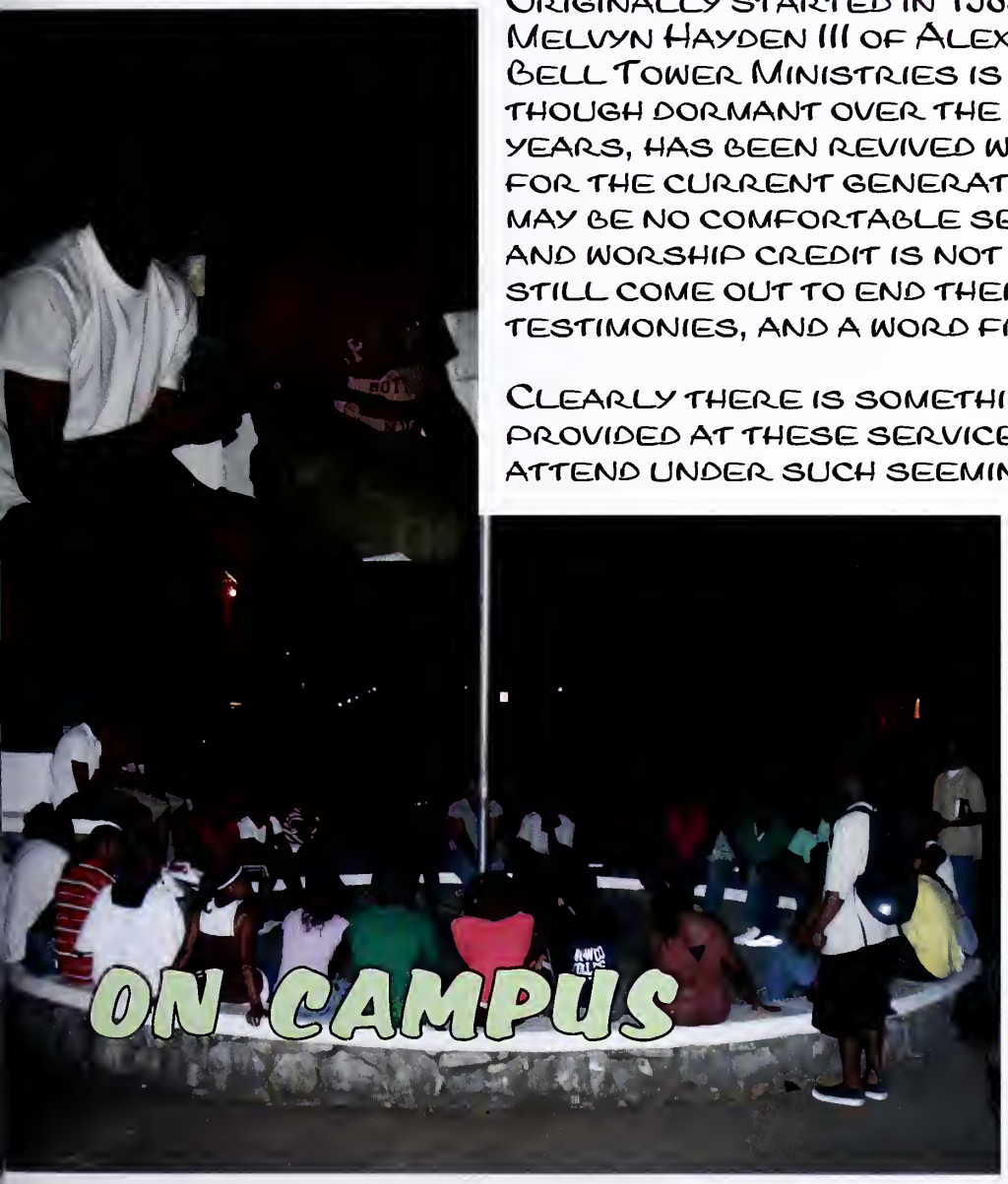
Bell Tower Ministries

Erected in 1951, the Oakwood College Bell Tower's primary purpose was to alert the student body of upcoming classes, meals, and worship. As the school evolved into later generations, the Bell Tower became redundant and stood idle as nothing more than a remnant of OC's past.

Originally started in 1989 by Pastor Melvyn Hayden III of Alexandria, Virginia, Bell Tower Ministries is a service that though dormant over the last couple of years, has been revived with a new look for the current generation. Though there may be no comfortable seating available and worship credit is not given, students still come out to end their day with praise, testimonies, and a word from the Lord.

Clearly there is something worthwhile provided at these services for so many to attend under such seemingly unfavorable conditions, and with such a positive response from fellow students, one cannot help but to take a peek out of sheer curiosity and leave the service blessed and anxious as to see what tomorrow night's service will have in store.

-Krystal Johnson



Stirring music of praise and thanksgiving, testimonies of God's presence in our lives, and words of encouragement from God's anointed signal the start of the Sabbath here at Oakwood. Everyone knows the place to be on a Friday evening is AYS. Whether AYS is being held at the gym or at the Campus Church, the service provides the opportunity for one to lay down his burdens from the stressful week and receive energy and renewal for the upcoming one. It is a time to unwind and bask in His presence in an oasis in the desert of the six days of labor. Everything needed to start the Sabbath right is contained within these few hours. Friends meet each other and share stories of God's faithfulness. So grab a friend or two and come be reminded that God is still present and still able.

– Sanique Antonio

~SABBATH PREP~

FRIDAY EVENING AYS

Hey Oakwoodites,

"I thoroughly enjoyed serving you as your AYS Director. This past year has been a chain of mountains and valleys, but the Lord has remained faithful through it all. You are a tough group to minister to. I thank God for empowering the AYS staff to be. I enourage you to keep your hands in the masters' hands. Always be faithful to him and he will be faithful to you."

-Nicardo Delahaye

SABBATH @

A Typical Sabbath Day

I wake up at 9am and take my usual 15 minute shower. Then I stare into my closet for about 10 minutes contemplating what to wear. As for church, I could sit in the balcony of Oakwood University and be blessed by the amazing sermon or I could jump on my feet and Shabach the Lord at Madison Mission. Recently, however, I have been enjoying the family feeling at All Nations SDA. After church the option of veggie meat from the cafe or going to a friend's house

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for Sabbath dinner comes along; never a hard decision. Being spiritually and physically filled, I give back through Outreach ministries spreading the news of Christ's undying love. Sabbath is great for me, my favorite day of this week by far. Despite the many headaches throughout the week, God gave me a chance to choose my method of resting. Now I'm ready for Saturday evening fun at the skating rink!!!

– Timothy Whonder

TESTIMONIES

Showers of Blessings

How has your time Oakwood University so far improved your spiritual life?

"It got me more focused on God; where I'm from, you get up and do what you have to do, but here, they actually have morning devotions and it brings you closer to God."

Chad Campbell
Freshman
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Brooklyn, NY

"It has helped majorly; there are different ministries on campus to get involved in. Joining NAPS was the starting point of my spiritual growth. Canvassing with LETC was also a plus. The different trials they have been through, even those that I can relate to, helps me to see how grateful I should be to God,"

Dereka Conner
Sophomore
Language Arts Education and Photojournalism
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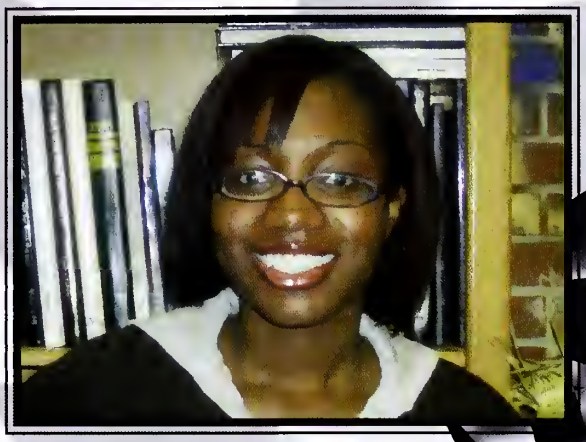
How has God blessed you since you have been here?

"God has brought some wonderful people into my life and removed those who would do me harm. The friendships that I have formed at Oakwood have helped me to grow and to understand myself better. I know that these are people who will be in my life after OU."



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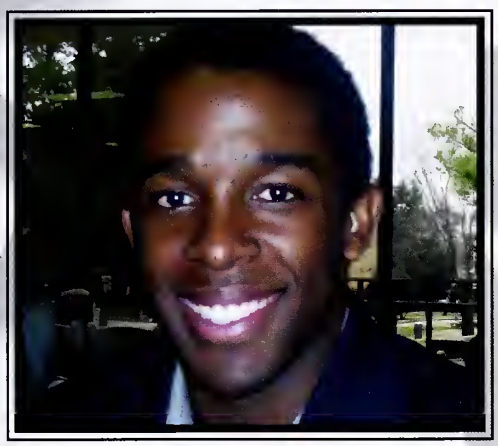

Christopher Whittaker
Sophomore
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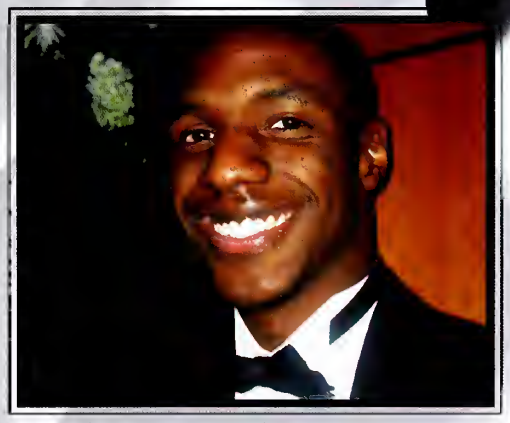
"God has answered my prayers concerning time management. After praying about it for so long, I can see where God has helped me; I'm not perfect yet, but I've definitely improved since last semester."

What advice would you give to someone wanting to maintain their relationship with Christ while in school?

"To maintain your relationship with Christ while in school, make time for Him. It's so easy to get distracted in clubs, and organizations, classes, and people that you forget to schedule God into your day. Set aside a specific time during your day that regardless of what else is going on, you're going to put it aside and spend that time with God. Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, then everything else will be added to you."



Michael Vance
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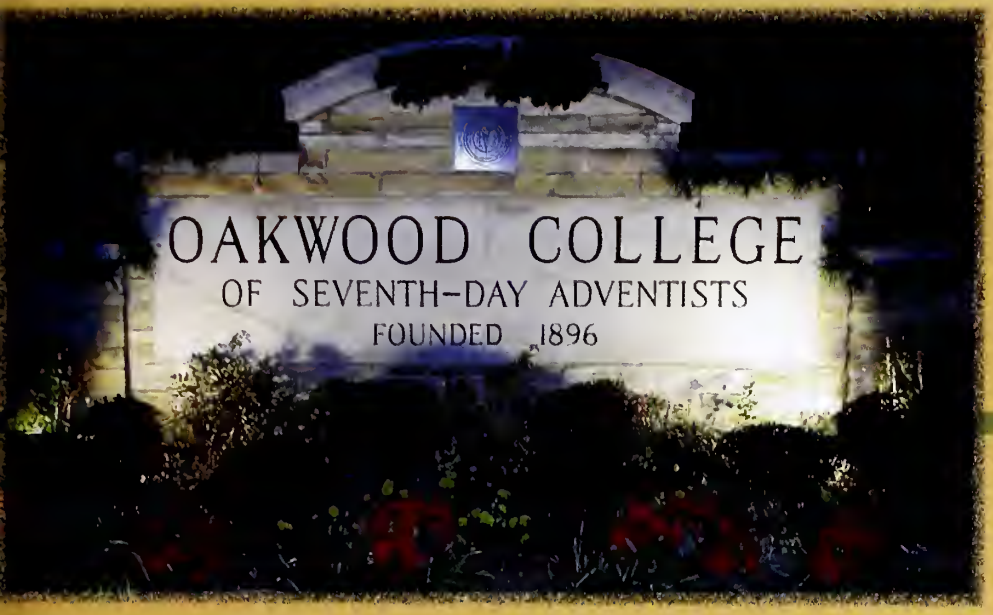
D.E.E.P. SABBATH

Two Worlds Collide

Diversity, togetherness, and spirituality are all words that describe "D.E.E.P. Sabbath." Here, Oakwood College and Southern University students get together to fellowship with each other, putting aside all cultural differences and uniting under one God. As Christians, we are called by God to spread his message, and at D.E.E.P. Sabbath not only do we bind together spiritually, but we connect with the community through worship and service.

–Janae M. Graves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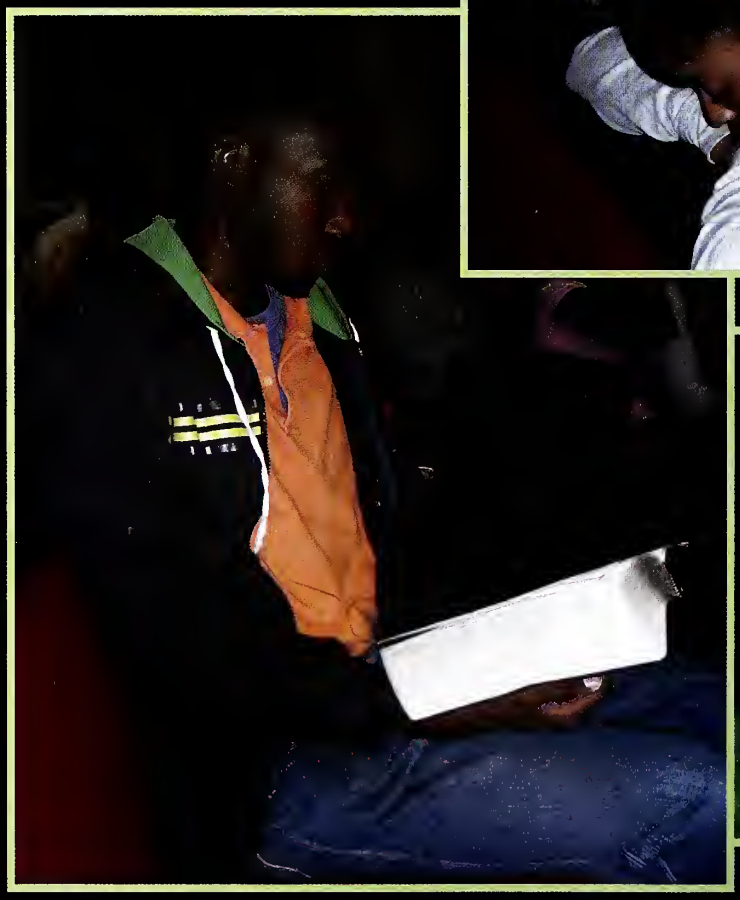
~MIDWEEK BLESSING~

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

Sweet hour of prayer that calls us from a world of care! And what a world of care it is; if we don't have classes and teachers to tangle with, then the drama of roommates and spiritual struggles are enough to cause us distress. However, in the middle of the hectic week, we are given the opportunity to lay our burdens at the altar.

If you are at the OC College Church on any given Wednesday night around 7:30 p.m. you're probably hearing stirring testimonies of God's providence, listening to the finest musical talent Oakwood has to offer, AND, of course, feeling your soul stir as you are reminded that there is nothing too small for God to notice, or too big for him to handle. By the end of the service, you would have felt like you just soared from Mount Pisgah's height as you face the remainder of the week with calm and confidence in your heavenly Father.

~ Sanique Antonio



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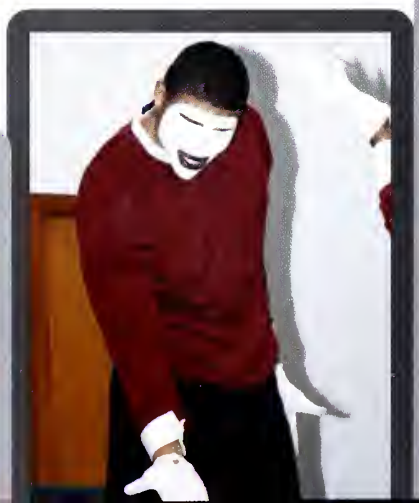

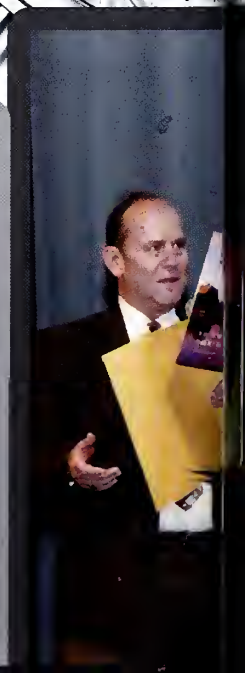

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Class of 2010

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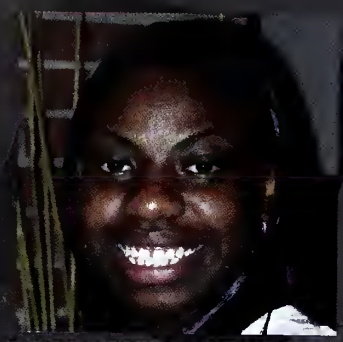

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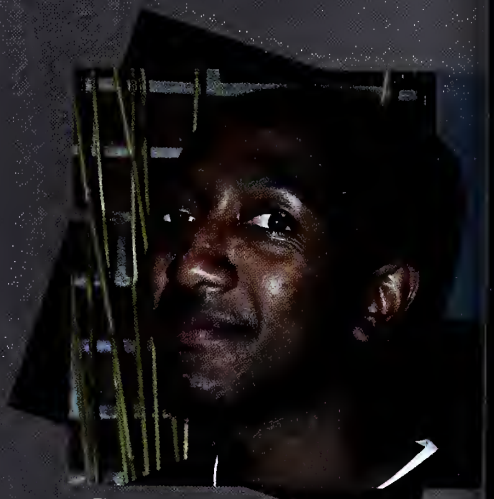

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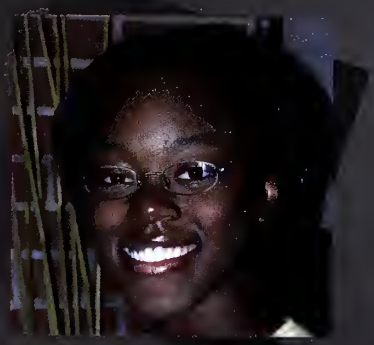

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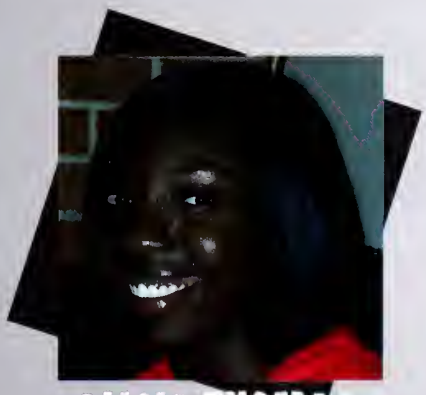

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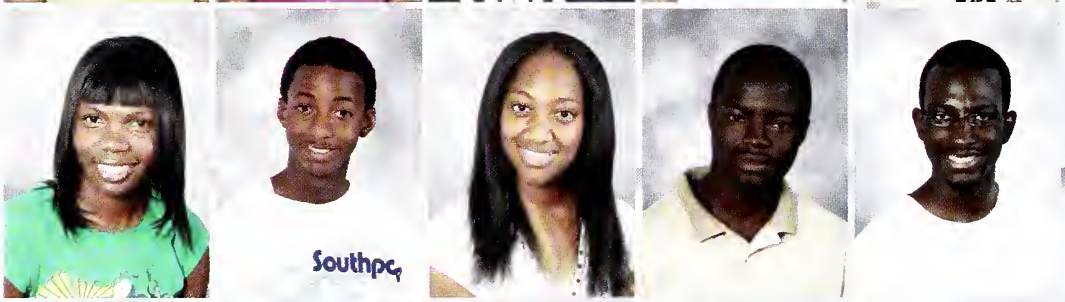

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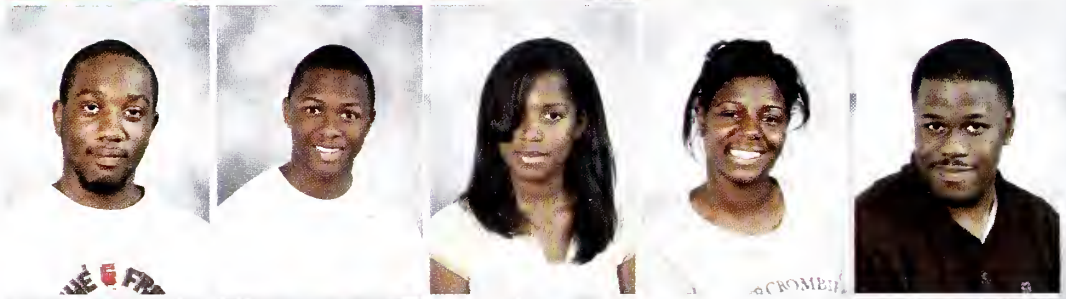

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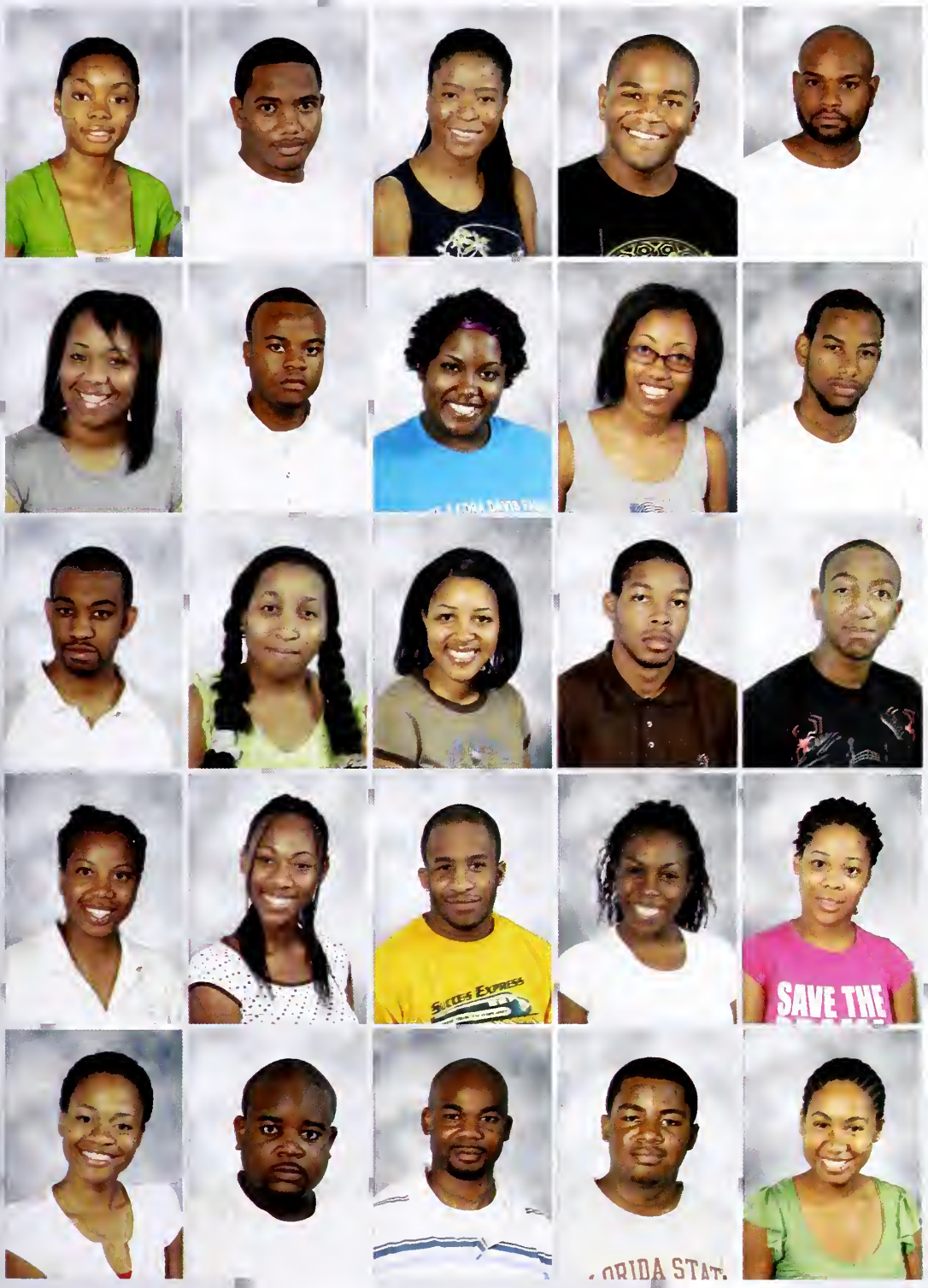

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Aleah Bowie
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Steve Bramwell

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Alexander Brown
Bonnie Brown
Lindsey Bryant
Leon Bryant Jr
Rashad Burden

Kellee Burrell
Avernell Burris
Rupert Bushner
Mishay Butler
Danielle Byrd

Kymberly Byrd
David Byssainthe
Benny Cagilus
Jonathan Caldwell
Michelle Cann

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Rachel Carr
Rhyanne Carrington
Vanessa Carter
Edward Cartwright
Terry Cesar

Natilia Chambers
Joshua Champion
Christina Cherry
Sharon Chipamba
Sarai Cisneros

John Coaxum
Brittany Cooper
Kendall Coopwood
Kyle Crawford
Adeola Daniyan

Samantha De Castro
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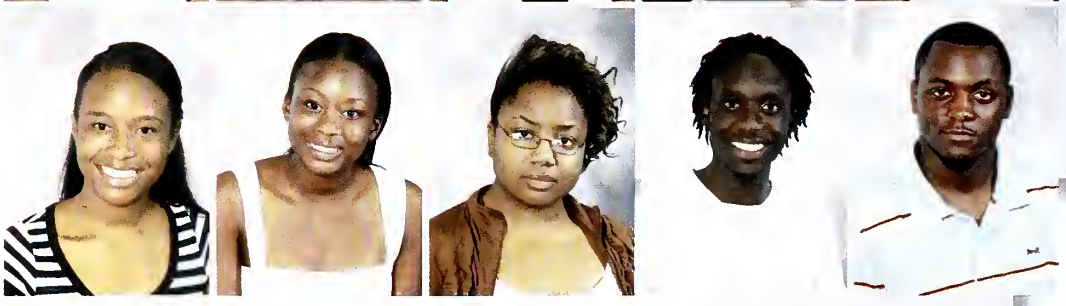

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Erica Fike

Sacha Fils
Morgan Finklea
David Fisher
Shanae Ford
Justin Foster

Jessica Fowler
Jason Francis
Theresa Francis
Estepha Francisque
Michael Fraser

Cheri Freeman
Stephanie Freeman
Brittany Gaines
Joseph Gaiter
Denzel Gent

Chauncy Gibson
Phylicia Godfrey
Edward Goodman IV
Kristen Gordon
Amanda Graham

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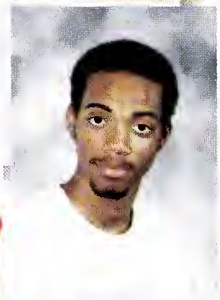

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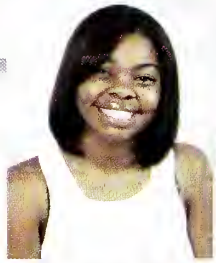

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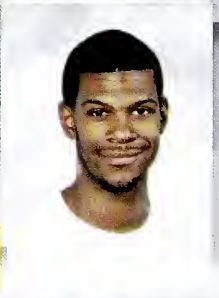
Peter Hester
David Hill



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Jessica Hudson
Justin Hudson
Carolyn Hurst

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Danielle Jackson
Michael-troy Jackson
Patara Jackson

Essence Jaime
Joshua James
Eduardo Jamez
Valerie Jean-baptiste
Jennifer Jean-pierre

Soraya Jean-pierre
Jerven Jeffers
Jasmine Jenkins
Malcolm Jessup Jr.
Cherelle Johnson

Franklin Johnson
Jonathan Johnson
Ariel Jones
Danielle Jones
Jasmin Jones

Nadine Jones
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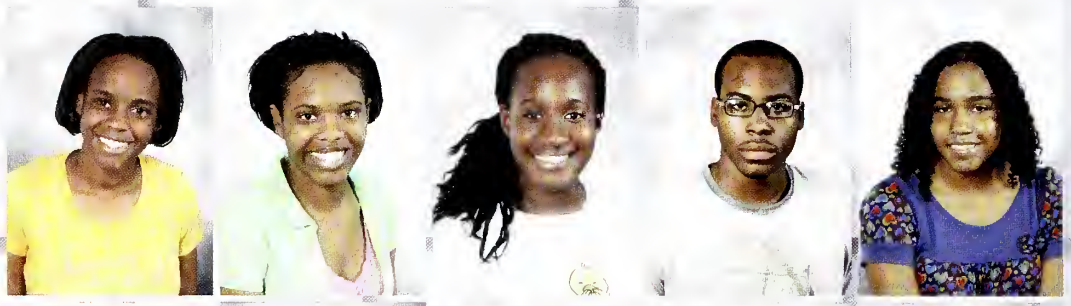

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Altasha Liburd

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Randall Lister
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Michelle Lumbard

Andrew Marshall
Katrina Mason
Markus Mason
Jasmine Mcdaniel
Danielle Mcdonald-Hunt

Constance Mcgee
Morgan Mcghee
Ricardo Mcginnis
Paul Mckenzie
Quinshikka Mckinney

Stacey Mclea
Desmond Mcneil
Raquel Mcneil
Shawna Meade
Mylon Medley

Takudzwa Mhorombimdo
Justin Mickens
Damarrus Miller
Alfred Miller III
Jerome Miller-Whyte

Suzette Millington
Smith Mills
Noel Mitchell
Rhonda Mitchell
Brian Moore

Brittany Moore
Kamilah Moore
John Morris
Heather Myles
Petrice Omeler

Johnwilly Osuji
Desmond Paramore
Antonio Paschal
Shayla Pedersen-buck
Nicole Peeler

Sophomore Reflections

Leslie Pelote
Jamaal Pemberton
Millicent Peters
Raquel Phillip
Melissa Phillips

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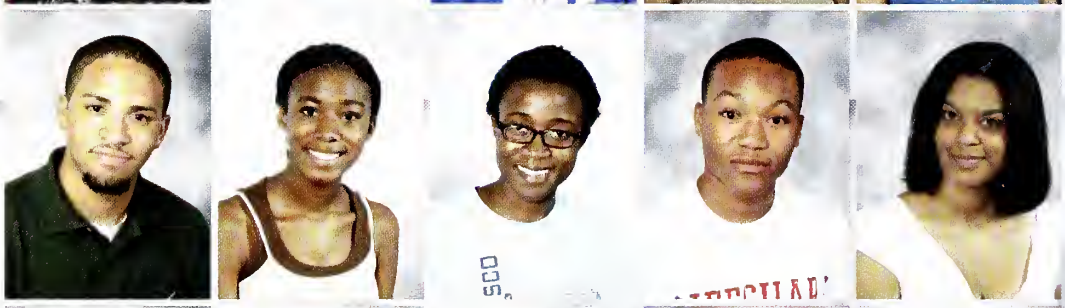

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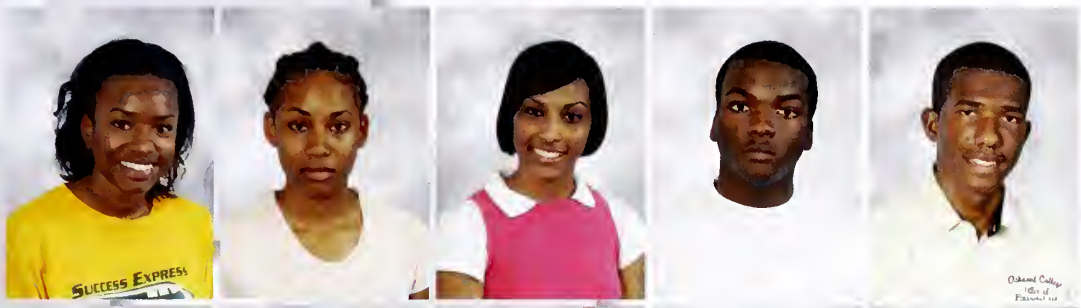

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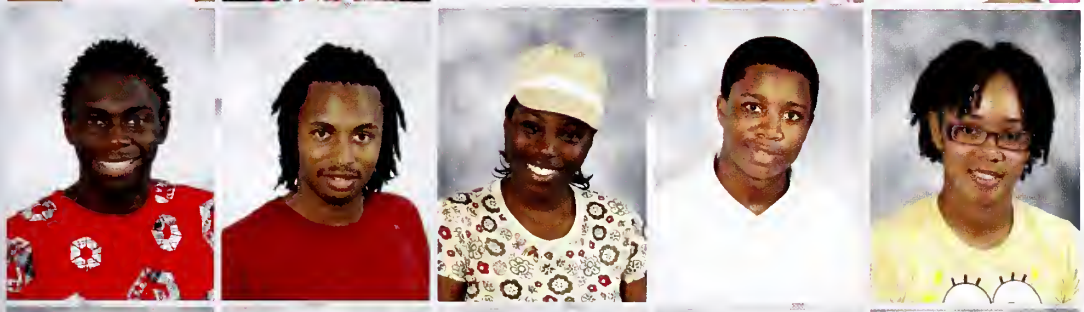

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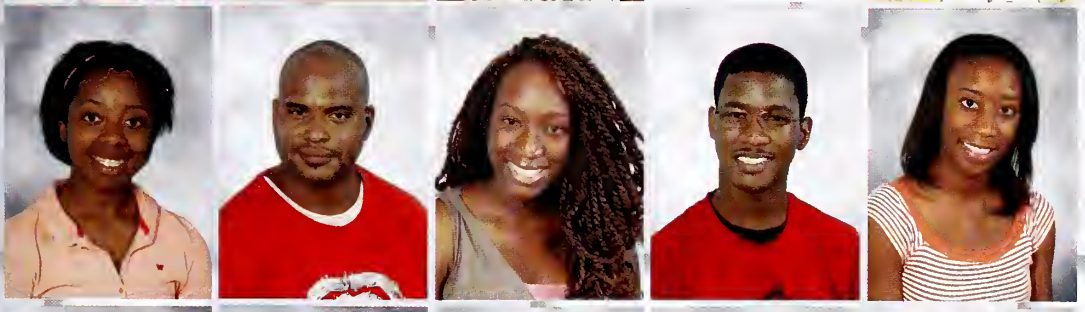

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Brottoney Strachan
Michael Strayhorn
Aminata Taal
Tiffany Tapp
Sameerah Taylor

Timothy Taylor
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Nancy Thomas
Nichole Thompson

Twyler Torrain
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Alante' Trott
Antoinette Truitt
Hadassah Tucker

Demia Tunis
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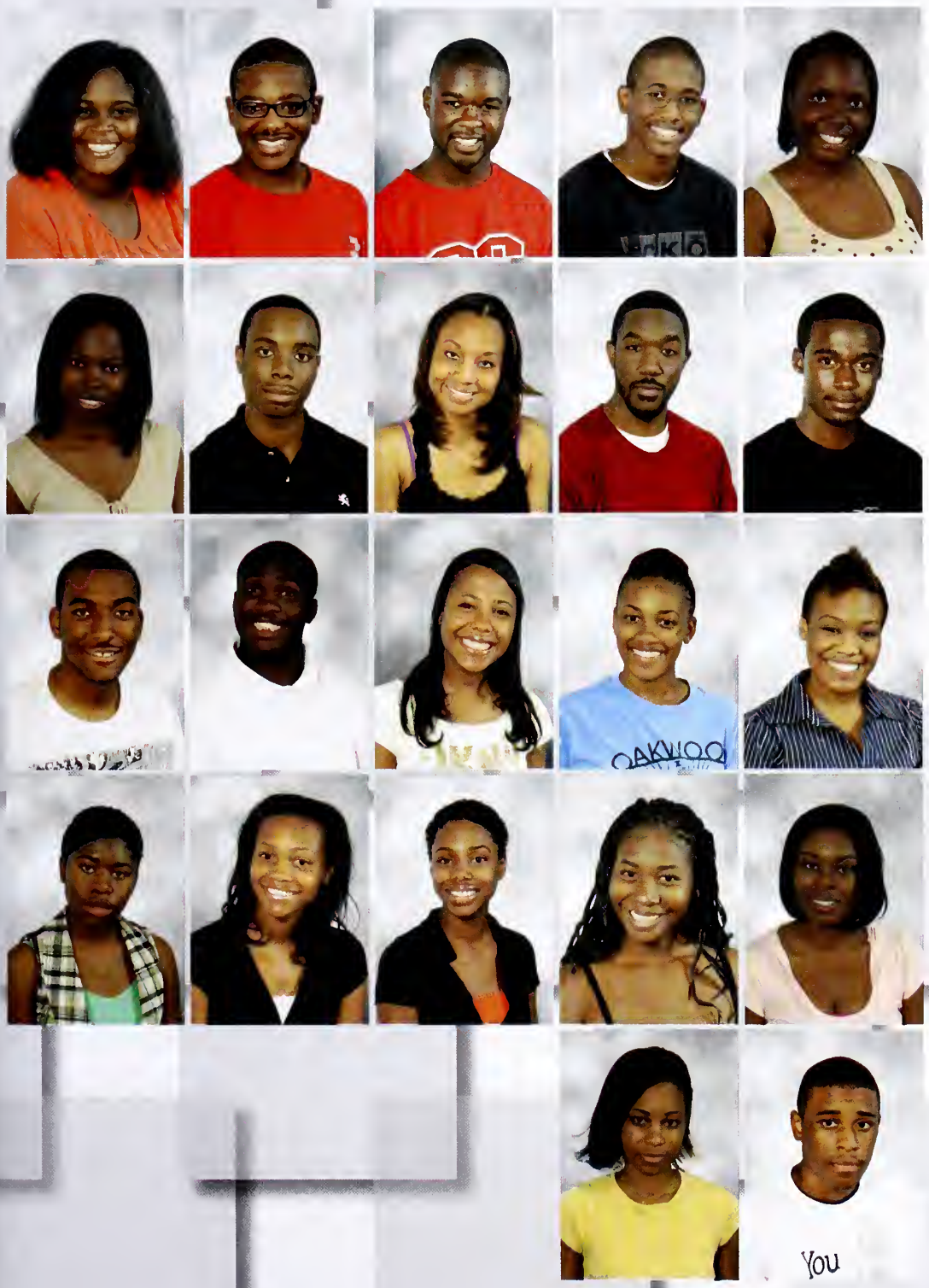

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Aleida Young
Anthony Young

Sports

All About The Game

THE AMBASSADORS '07 - '08

Tony Oliver, Head coach
Byron Crockett, Assistant Coach
Simon Jacobs, Assistant Coach

Eric Adams
#15
Junior
Long Beach, CA

Rodney Davis
#24
Junior
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Terrell Black
#23
Senior
Trenton, NJ

Andrew Ford
#32
Senior
Lytton, BC, Canada

James Doggette
#33
Sophomore
San Bernardino, CA

Not Pictured

Wilbur Ampey
#40
Sophomore
Berrien Spring, MI

Austin Doggette
#45
Freshman
Huntsville, AL

Ladarius Watfor
#13
Freshman
Huntsville, AL

DEWITT HENLEY
#10
SENIOR
ST. THOMAS, VI

DERRICK LONG
#4
SOPHOMORE
ORLANDO, FL

KAREEM TELESFORD
#22
SOPHOMORE
NEWPORT NEWS, VA

REGGIE ELOI
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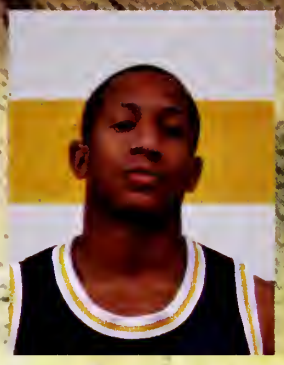
JUNIOR
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

DESHAWN PRESTON
#14
FRESHMAN
ATLANTA, GA



RONALD BUSHNER
#11
SOPHOMORE
MIAMI, FL

RUPERT BUSHNER
#5
JUNIOR
MIAMI, FL

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BRANDON BROOM
#__
SOPHOMORE
LOS ANGELES, CA

AMBASSADOR

33
21

HIGHLIGHTS

USCAA
United States Collegiate Athletic Association
National Champions
Men's DI Basketball
2007 - 2008

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HOME
PERIOD
GUEST
110
POSS
BONUS
56
FOULS
PLAYER
FOUL
FOULS
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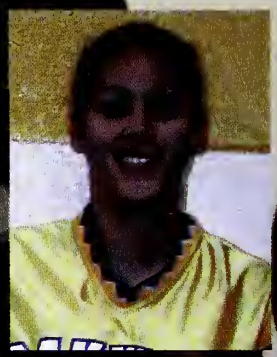
The Lady Ambassadors '07 - '08

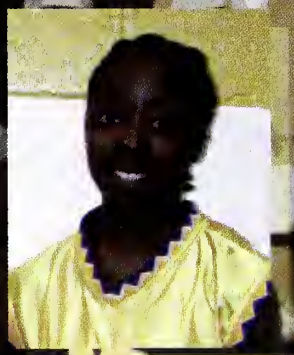
Simon Jacob — Assistant Coach

Brian Moore — Manager

Kim Pointer
#32
Guard
Freshman
Harvest, AL



Sarai Cisneros
#20
Guard/Forward
Sophomore
Merced, CA



Jackie Singletary
#21
Guard/Forward
Sophomore
Chesapeake, VA

Tiffany Lee
#12
Forward
Freshman
Hendersonville, TN

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Jennifer Williams
#5
Forward
Freshman
Dallas, TX

Not Pictured

Monique Woodson
#23
Guard
Freshman
Lesperia, CA

Renita Rogers
#22
Guard/Forward
Freshman
Mason, TN

April Collins
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Center
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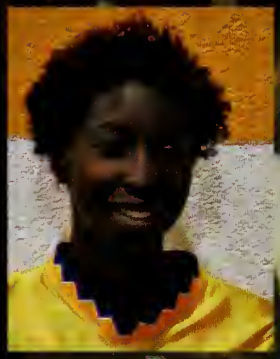
Jackson, MS

Shannon Rhoades
#13
Guard
Freshman
Loma Linda, CA



Terrisha Lewis
#24
Guard/Forward
Freshman
Houston, TX

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#14
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Senior
Los Angeles, CA

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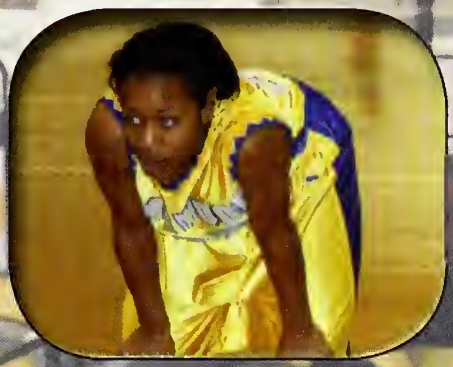
Alton Conwell
Head Coach

LADY AMBASSADOR



HIGHLIGHTS

The Cheering

Rain or Shine....
Sleet or Snow....

One thing for sure is that whenever Oakwood goes to play, there will be a mass of students, teachers, and alumni that will follow.

Section

Basketball

Each Spring semester, all the athletic men and women on campus begin forming teams for the annual basketball intramurals. Teams like "G-men" and "Freshman Squad" band together for a tournament that seeks to find the best team among them. Teams play each other and are eliminated until there is one team left on top. Students can often be found practicing in the gym for future games, and many supporters can be found in the stands, both at practice and at game time. The tension builds as

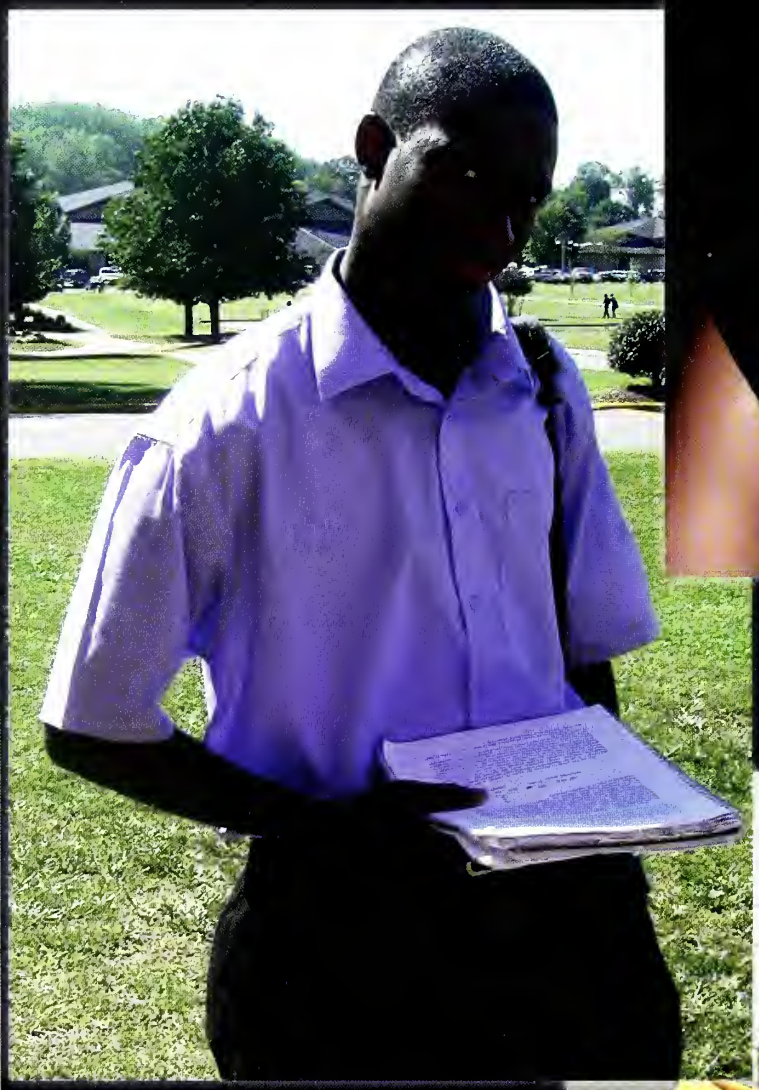
The tournament gets closer to the end and anticipation grows as students wonder, "Who will win?" Students gather in support of their favorite teams and cheer them on each week until the final game is over. However, when it's all over, sportsmanship can be observed as all the participants and supporters celebrate the championship winners together, and another season is placed in history for Oakwood University students.

by Stephen Spates

Intramurals

FOOTBALL

INTRAMURALS



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BRONSON BROWN
CHAPLAIN

LYDIA BALLARD
PARLIAMENTARIAN

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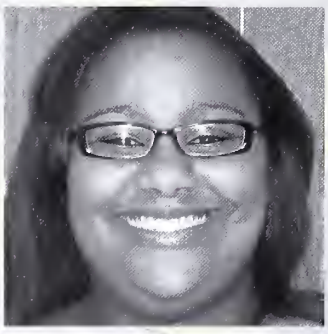

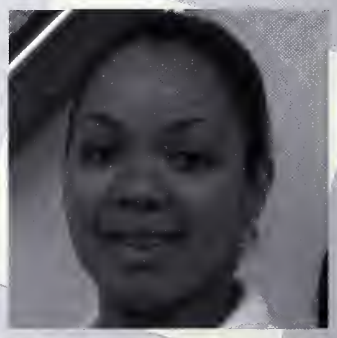

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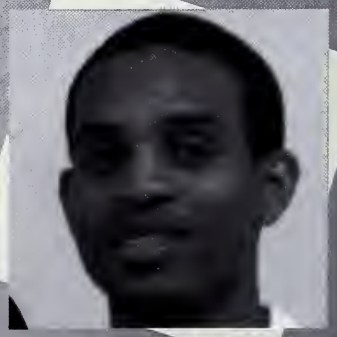

JOSHUA HUMPHREY
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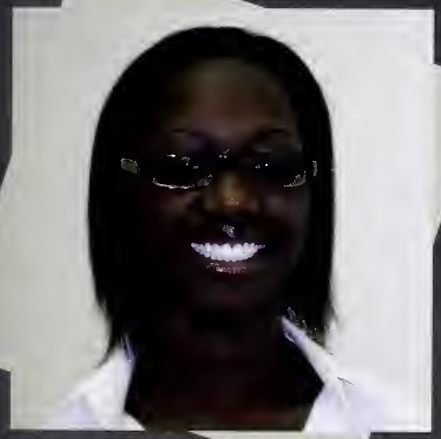

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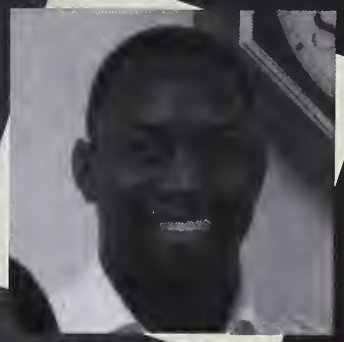

BRYAN LEE
ASST. SOCIAL COORDINATOR

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Matthew Adams
Ashley Akubuiro
Ryan Alexander
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Ada Anderson

Bianca Andrews
Curt Andrews
Thessicar Antoine
Sanique Antonio
Shaaney Arnold

Martha Augustin
Nathanael Baker
Lydia Ballard
Dennis Baptiste
Jacquelyn Barreiro

Katrina Barry
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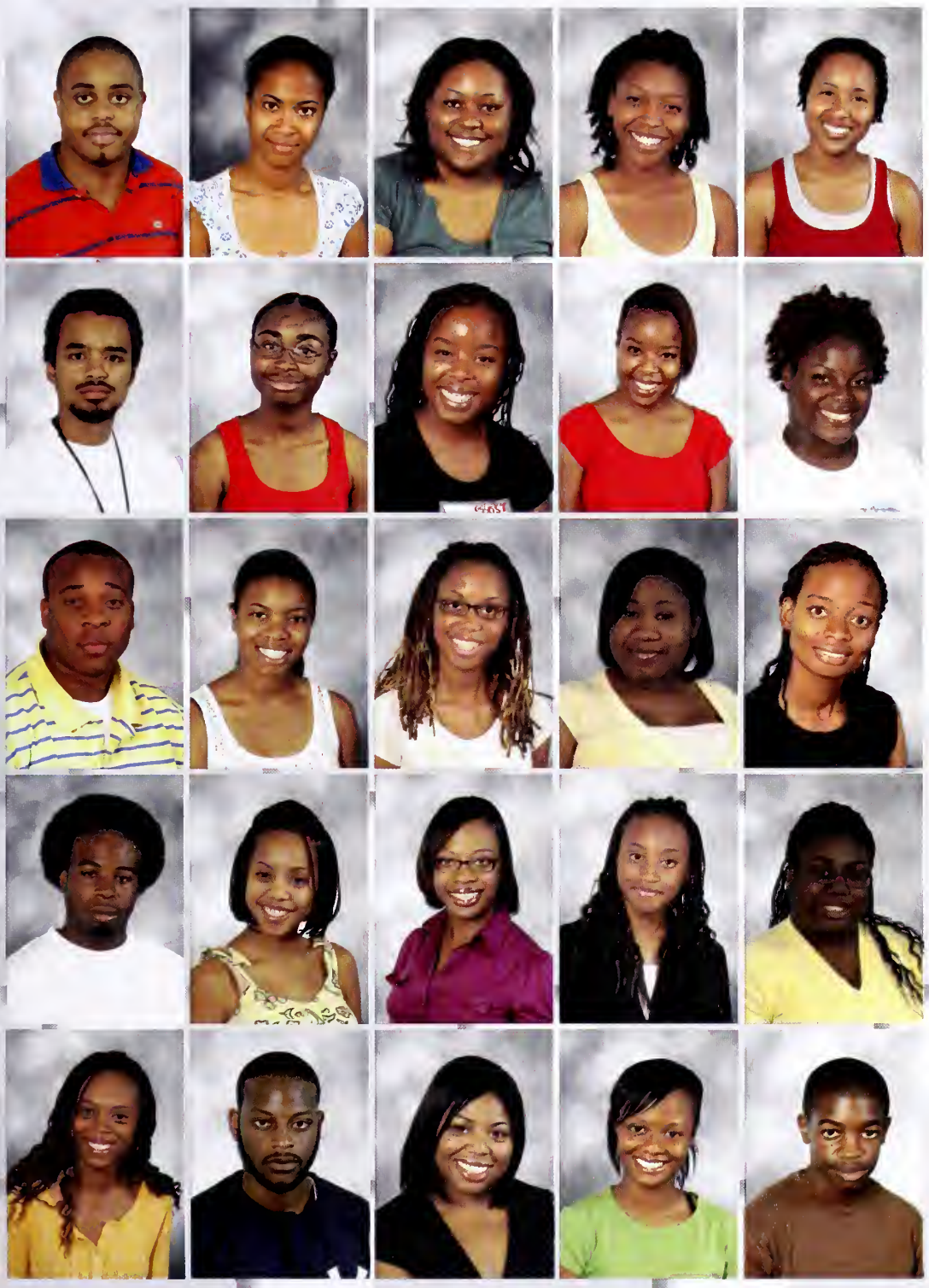

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Kristin Bruce
Aminta Bullard
Jessica Burns

Brandon Butler
Deadra Caleb
Lyneka Camel
Lyteka Camel
Amanda Campbell

Davon Carolina
Holly Carrell
Ja`neil Carrington
Elizabeth Cesar
Rhonitta Chance

Henry Chaney
Alexis Christian
Teva Clisby
Mircha Colin
Lavonna Connell

Raquel Cornwall
David Cox
Tyleia Culpepper
Jessica Dade
Ronald Daniel

Junior Reflections

Shanel Davis
Soleil Davis
Taj Davis
Nicardo Delahaye
Ignace Desinor

Jacquelyn Doggette
Crystal Douglas
Sanitha Douglas
Justin Eakins
Courtney Easter

Shakir Edwards
Carla Ephraim
Stephanie Etienne
Candace Farrell
Breoni Fassett

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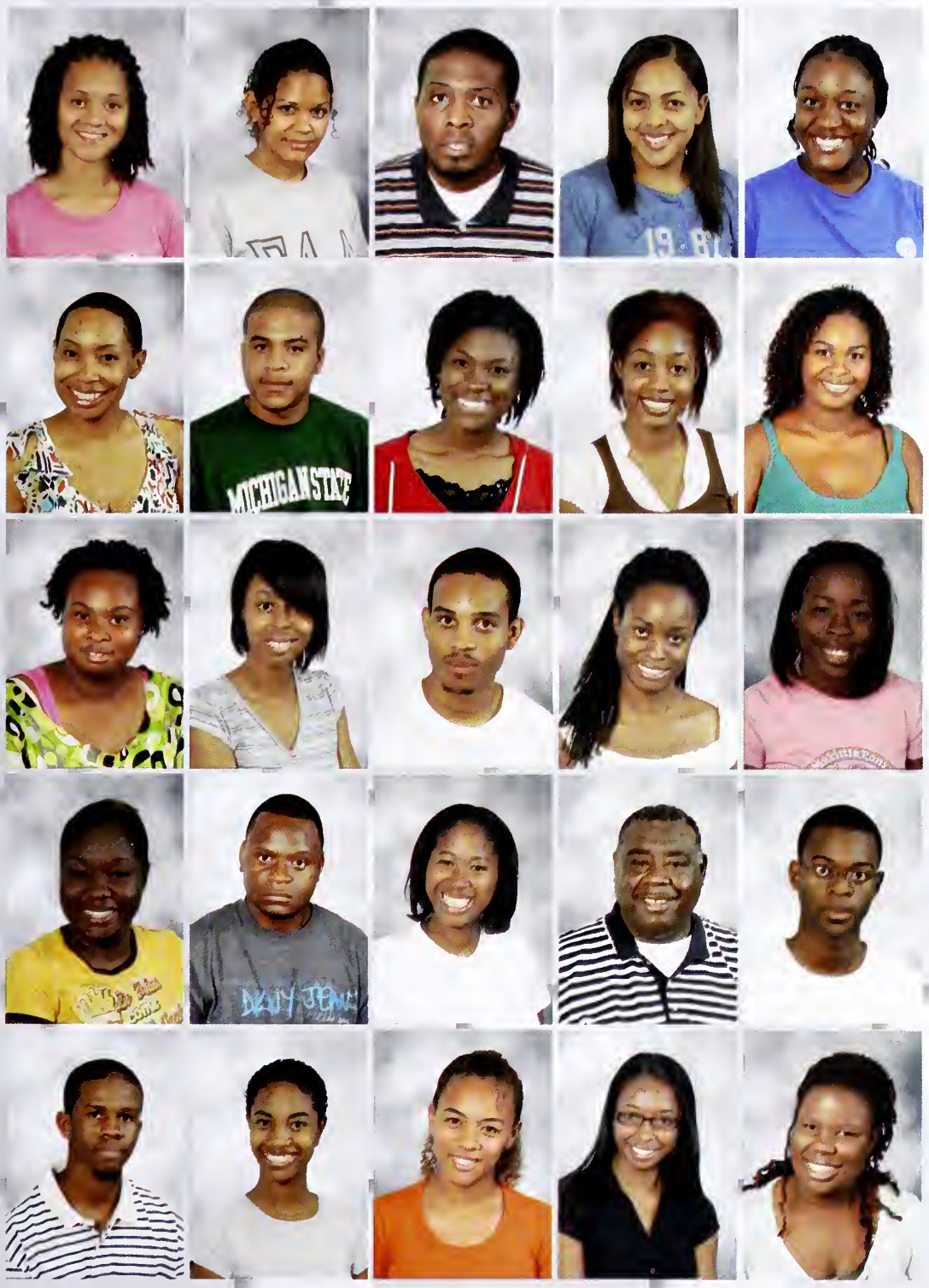


Elita Green
Tiffany Hall
Nathan Hamilton
Ashley Harris
Janell Harris

Sharea Harris
Brenton Harrison
Tamarha Hilaire
Tiffany Hinds
Chya Holland

Rhonda Holloway
Portia Howard
Joshua Humphrey
Kara Hunter
Brittaney Jackson

Erycka Jackson
Jerry Jacques
Veronica James
Mickel Jenkins
Jon Johnson

Jonathan Johnson
Veronica Johnson
Courtni Jones
Erica Jones
Jadrienne Jones

And with a loud cry to heaven, the student prays to God:

"God, I'm trapped and I wish to be free! I wish to be free from the lies that society has pressed upon my shoulders; lies about how to live or act in a certain way that's acceptable by others, or lies that say how to dress a certain way to be noticed. I want to be free from the things that have caused me to be permanently anchored to a world that won't allow me to rise to my full potentiality.

Lord, I want to live a free life where others will love each other for who they are and not how they act. Why can't I break away from those who break me down; why was I, like some people, considered odd instead of unique, and why can't I be free from my worries and my timidities? If You're the God of relationships and love, why am I not having success in any of my relationships? Why do other people seem to be more privileged than I when it comes to life experiences?

Lord, if you said that we can do all things through You who gives us strength, why couldn't I jump high as the highest basketball player on the court or run as fast as the fastest runner on the football field? If You said that You give wisdom to all who ask liberally, why couldn't I get highest honors in school as the smartest kid did? I have planned many courses in my heart; many of them noble and true, but I feel You have determined my steps away from them and I don't understand why. Why is searching for You so hard when You claim You've made it so easy? Oh Lord, hear and answer my prayer. Why can't I just be free?"

God heard the prayer, and He answered saying:

I Am the Lord your God, and you are my child who is "fearfully and wonderfully made." I made you who you are so that there will be nobody like you! You are made in my image, "in the image of God" I created you, and it is a very beautiful image that I created you in. I sent you My only Son to pay the price of sin on Calvary so that you can live in a world where others will always love each other. You need not be anchored or weighed by anything, for I have "commanded my angels concerning you to guard in all your ways." Whatever blessings I bestow unto you, no man will take away. Your talents and gifts are as ivory white roses that I will not allow sin to put a stain on. I am the Lord YOUR God; what more privilege can you have? Did I not say that "I have plans to prosper you and I mean you no harm?"

I HAVE ORDERED THE STEPS OF YOUR LIFE SO THAT YOU WILL BECOME WISE IN YOUR DIRECTIONS BECAUSE THE ONE WHO RUNS AND JUMPS AHEAD OF THINGS USUALLY MAKES THE MOST MISTAKES. YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN STRONG, FOR I'VE NEVER ALLOWED YOU TO HAVE A BROKEN BONE OR A LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS, AND I HAVE MATURED YOU TO WHERE YOU HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT WITH YOURSELF. I BROUGHT YOU TO A SCHOOL WHERE YOU LEARNED TO BE A FAR GREATER ACADEMIC ACHIEVER THAN WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD BE AND WHERE OTHERS LIKE YOU WILL COME AND LEARN TO WORSHIP AND LOVE ME. WHY DO YOU WORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE ON THIS EARTH? DID I NOT SAY TO "LAY UP FOR YOURSELF TREASURES IN HEAVEN" INSTEAD OF ON EARTH, "WHERE MOTHS AND RUST WILL NOT DESTROY AND THIEVES WON'T BREAK IN AND STEAL?" OR THAT IF I CLOTHE THE GRASS THAT "NEITHER TOILS NOR SPINS," ARE I NOT ABLE TO WATCH OVER YOU? DIDN'T I SAY "WHAT PROFITETH A MAN IF HE GAINETH THE WHOLE WORLD BUT LOSETH HIS SOUL?" THEREFORE, WHY SHOULD IT MATTER WHO RECEIVES SOMETHING BEFORE YOU DO?

REMEMBER TO "SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, THEN ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED UNTO YOU." AND JUST LIKE JABEZ, I WILL GREATLY "ENLARGE YOUR TERRITORY" IF YOU WOULD BUT PUT ME FIRST. TRUST IN ME "WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND DO NOT LEAN UNTO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING." DO NOT BE AFRAID OF WHAT TO SAY TO OTHERS OR HOW TO SPEAK OR WHAT OTHERS WILL SAY ABOUT YOU, FOR AS I HAVE TAUGHT MOSES WHAT TO SAY TO PHARAOH, I WILL TEACH YOU WHAT TO SAY; PUT ALL OF YOU TRUST IN ME AND I WILL NEVER HURT YOU OR SPEAK ILL OF YOU. MY WORD SHOULD BE ALL THAT YOU LIVE AND CHANGE BY FOR IT IS "GOD-BREATHED" AND TRUE, AND IT IS WHERE MY CHARACTER, BLESSING, UNDERSTANDING, AND STRENGTH IS FOUND.

HAVE GIVEN YOU THE ANSWER TO ALL RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS BY THE ELEMENTS OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH ARE: "LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL," AND ANYONE WHO REFLECTS THESE ELEMENTS IS WORTHY OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH BECAUSE "AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW." SEE? I HAVE GIVEN YOU MY WORD "AS A LAMP UNTO YOUR FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO YOUR PATH" AND AS A USE "FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING" IN YOUR DAILY LIFE. I LOVE YOU, AND "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS EVEN 'TIL THE END OF THE WORLD." I HEAR AND ANSWER PRAYERS, I MOVE WHEN YOU CALL, I KEEP ALL OF MY PROMISES, I CANNOT LOSE NOR BE DEFEATED, I HAVE THE POWER TO LAY DOWN MY OWN LIFE AND TAKE IT BACK UP AGAIN, AND I GIVE YOU THAT SAME STRENGTH TO DEFEAT THE DEVIL BY PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD,

"WHENEVER YOU CALL, I WILL ANSWER," WHENEVER YOU COME TO ME I WILL "IN NO WISE CAST YOU AWAY," AND "ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE" WITH ME. BELIEVE THIS AND YOU "SHALL NOT PERISH, BUT WILL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE," AND "I SAY TO YOU TODAY THAT YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE" WHEN I RETURN. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WHOSOEVER I "SET FREE IS TRULY FREE INDEED."

-JARED MOORE
LORD, MAKE ME FREE

Junior Spotlight

Major - Psychology

Homtown - Bay Area, California

Says - "Oakwood has definitely been an experience of a lifetime. I'm glad to have met such a diverse group of people here, who have made a positive impact on my life."

Martenia Wommack

Gabard Gabriel Etienne

Major - Nursing

Homtown - Orlando, Florida

Says - "Being a campus safety officer is not just a job, but also a duty to keep my friends and my surroundings as safe as possible. With God helping me, I can make sure they graduate with respect and honor."

Junior Reflections

Jewel Jones
Harvey Kennedy
Ashley King
David King
Shaanaya Kipp

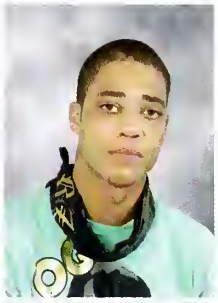
Cara Laborde
Ryan Lang
Edryce Lauture
Bryan Lee
Samantha Lespier

Ayesha Lewis
Tracy Lexius
Andre Manders
Craig Martin
Algerita Mayberry

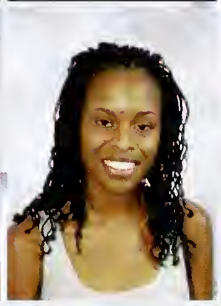
Cherie Mcdonald
Raphael-Tobias Mcintyre
Eric Miller
Alyssa Minisee
Michele Monette

Alyssa Moore
Jared Moore
Sterling Morris
Jessica Murphy
Shari Myles

Junior Reflections



DiAndre' Nelson
Michele Nelson
John Nwosu
Temidayo Ogunrinu
Aaron Paige



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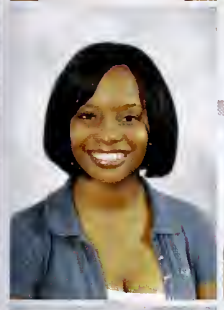
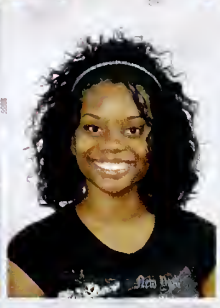
Kia Patterson
Latoya Payne
Jamara Pembleton
Emmanuel Phaeton

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Geston Pierre
Marie Pierre-Louis
Maxshorn Pink

Monique-Renee Pinnock
Chantel Plante
Jonathan Polite
Victoria Poole
Deneil Preston

Anya Rahming
Sheria Reeves
Andrew Reid
Sonide Remy
Tiffany Reynolds

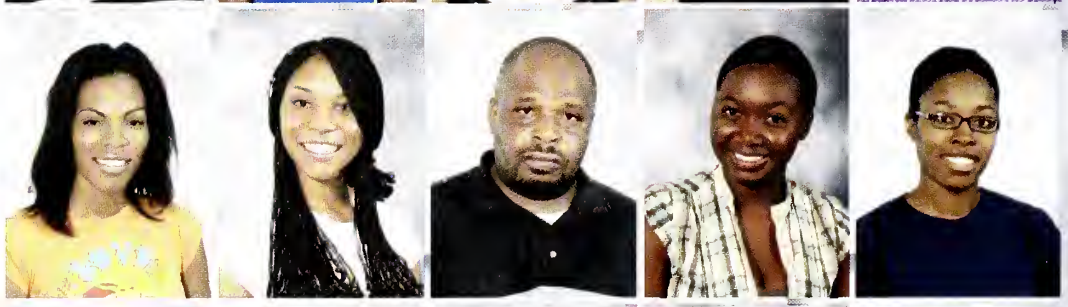
Junior Reflections

Monique Rice
Claudia Richards
Arielle Richardson
David Richardson
Rupert Richardson

Marcia Robinson
Reah Romeo
Tessa Ross
William Rowe
Eric Rumph

Pierre-Richard Samson
Kishana Samuel
April Seay
Chaunte Sharperson
Ralph Shelton

Melissa Simmonds
Teiko Simms
Davon Smith
Jacinta Smith
Lillian Smith



Vuarnet Smith
Lawrence Souffrant
Debo`rah Spates
Stephen Spates
Michelle Spencer

John Stewart
Ruth Stewart
Naomi Stovall
Kerri Stuart
Adia Taliaferro

Theron Thomas
Laverne Tom
Keldon Toussaint
Latoya Troupe
Samone Tucker

Rechelle Tull
Jasmine Turner
Micah Tyler
Julian Waddell
Latasha Waul

Alecia Webb
Tasheika Wellington
Evan Williams
Randall Willis
Whitney Winston

Lauren Wright
Kandy Yarbrough

Activities & Events

Entertainment

Michael "Sky" Jasper
Major - Finance
Age - 29
Hometown - Oklahoma

Classification - Junior
At what age did you begin singing and who encouraged you to pursue it?
"I started at age 3 and no one but God encouraged me."

Jon-Paul Sherrod
Major - Business Management
Age - 19
Hometown - Indianapolis, IN

Classification - Sophomore
Why do you sing? "My mom's skills influenced me to sing, Jesus, and it's my passion."

Rachel Carr
Majors - Psychology and Spanish
Age - 19
Hometown - Huntsville, AL

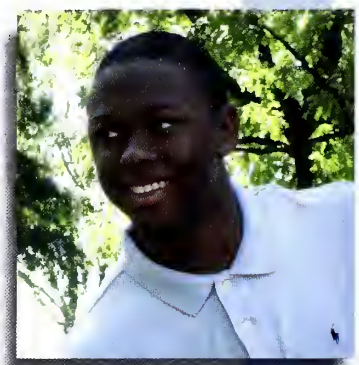
Classification - Sophomore
Who do you admire and why? "My father. I admire his spirituality because it's unwavering"

Krysten Copeland
Major - Communications
Age - 18
Hometown - Los Angeles, CA

Classification - Freshman
When did you first start singing?
"When I came out of the womb."

Temidayo "Temi" Are
Major - Business Management
Age - 19
Hometown - New York

Classification - Sophomore
Who discovered that you could sing?
"My mother and my church family."



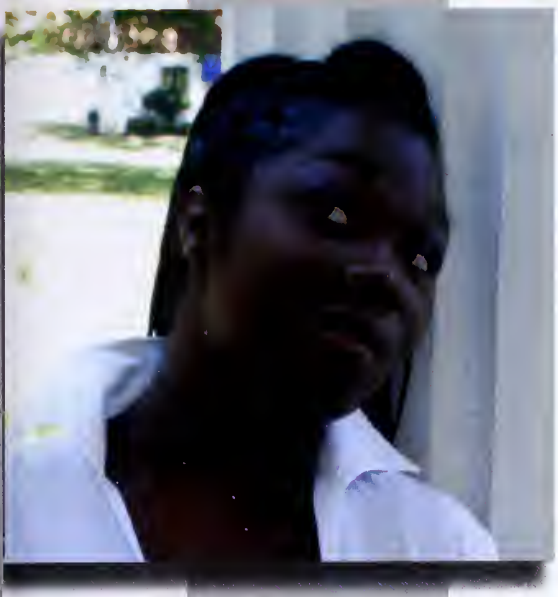
Kelsey Roach
Major - Communications/ Public Relations
Age - 18
Hometown - Douglassville, GA

Classification - Freshman
Why did you decide to do O.C. Star?
"I was asked and decided to share my God-given talent."

OC STAR

OG Star is Oakwood's version of the TV show, "American Idol." One night a week, students pay a dollar and gather together to hear the voices of their peers. People, literally from "all over the world," vote in the contest to find Oakwood's best singer. The song selections range from old school to new school, Disney to gospel, and even some Broadway. Still, only one "star" can prevail. Sophomore Reverne Hazelwood is the winner of this year's first annual OG Star competition. She has the voice to rock the crowd and the shoes to match.

by Shavavian Smith

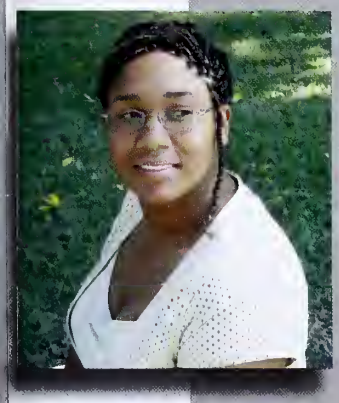


And the Winner Is...

Reverne Hazelwood

Major - Finance
Age - 18
Hometown - Toronto, Canada
Classification - Sophomore

What is your passion?
"Music and shoes (because I like the way they look on my feet)."



Samone Tucker

Major - Music Education
Age - 20

Hometown - Bermuda

Classification - Junior

Who is your favorite singer and why?
"Beyonce...I like the quality and charisma in her voice."

Auldwin Johnson

Major - Psychology

Age - 19

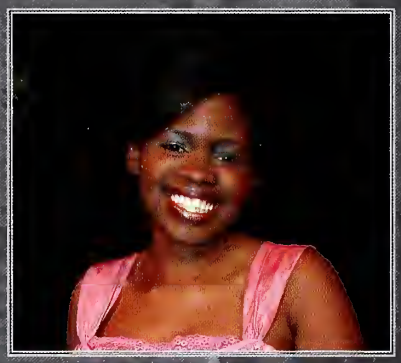
Hometown - Pine Forge, PA

Classification - Sophomore

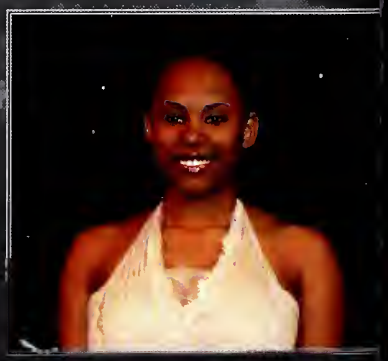
Who is your inspiration for singing?
"Donnie McClurkin, because he is very spiritual when he sings and that's the type of singer I want to be."

16TH ANNUAL MISS OAKWOOD PAGEANT

Agent: Perri Cristina Morgan
Location: Anaheim, CA
Rank: Senior
Specialty: Social Work
Mission: To reach out to the greater underprivileged youth communities and encourage youth to continue their educations and look forward to a purposeful career.



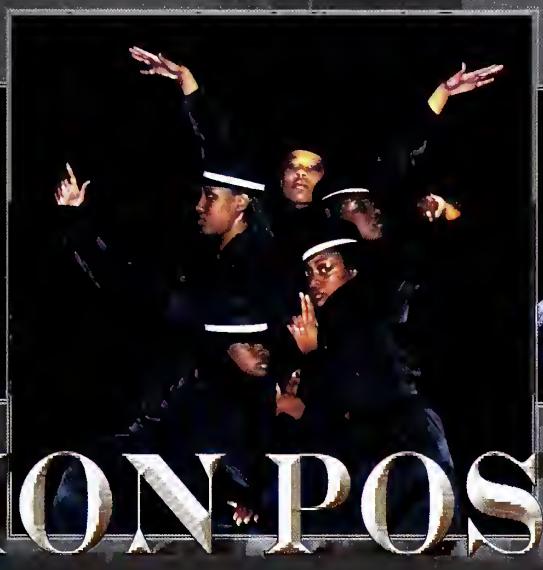
Agent: Bianca Barreiro
Location: Bronx, NY
Rank: Junior
Specialty: Elementary Education
Mission: To influence others on the importance of self worth and loving one self, while allowing God to lead her in every aspect of her life.

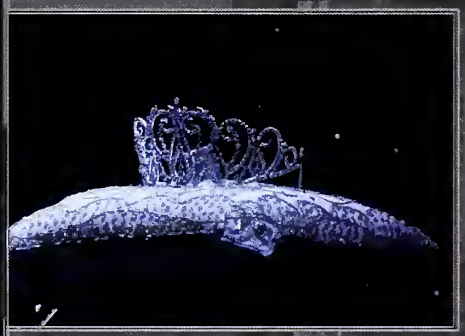


Agent: Dontrice Ross
Location: Gary, IN
Rank: Sophomore
Specialty: Finance
Mission: To encourage the importance of proper financial management and well informed decision making throughout one's life.

Agent: Danielle LaTouche
Location: Germantown, MD
Rank: Senior
Specialty: English: Professional Writing; Communications: Print Journalism; History: Black World Studies
Mission: To become a magazine journalist and travel to different countries for diversity research projects.

Agent: Sheree Usher
Location: Los Angeles, CA
Rank: Senior
Specialty: Elementary Education
Mission: To increase deaf awareness and minister to the deaf community.





MISSION POSSIBLE

Each January, a special event is held in the city. This event is the Miss Oakwood University Pageant. For 2008, five ladies were chosen to participate in the pageant, representing the values and morals of this institution. The pageant was in five segments including a rousing opening dance scene by the young ladies to the theme of "Mission Impossible;" the Creative Business section, where the ladies, dressed in business attire, verbalized their future plans of success; the Talent segment, where the ladies showed their God-given crafts in various performances including dancing, sign language, and monologues; the Night Gown segment where the ladies paraded in their evening best; and the Q&A segment where the ladies were asked thought-evoking questions about current events and future goals and achievements. All this to prove their worthiness of becoming the new Miss. Oakwood University.

By Peter Webb

Winner

As Miss Oakwood 2008, Danielle desires to see more cultural programs on campus so that students who are not able to study abroad will have the opportunity to learn more about different cultures. She plans to do this through consistent programs that encourage diversity education and cultural enlightenment.

Danielle LaTouche

"It was hard; it was tough, but the Lord brought me through... The devil threw some obstacles in my way. I thank God for the other young ladies. It was a beautiful experience."

Special Honoree

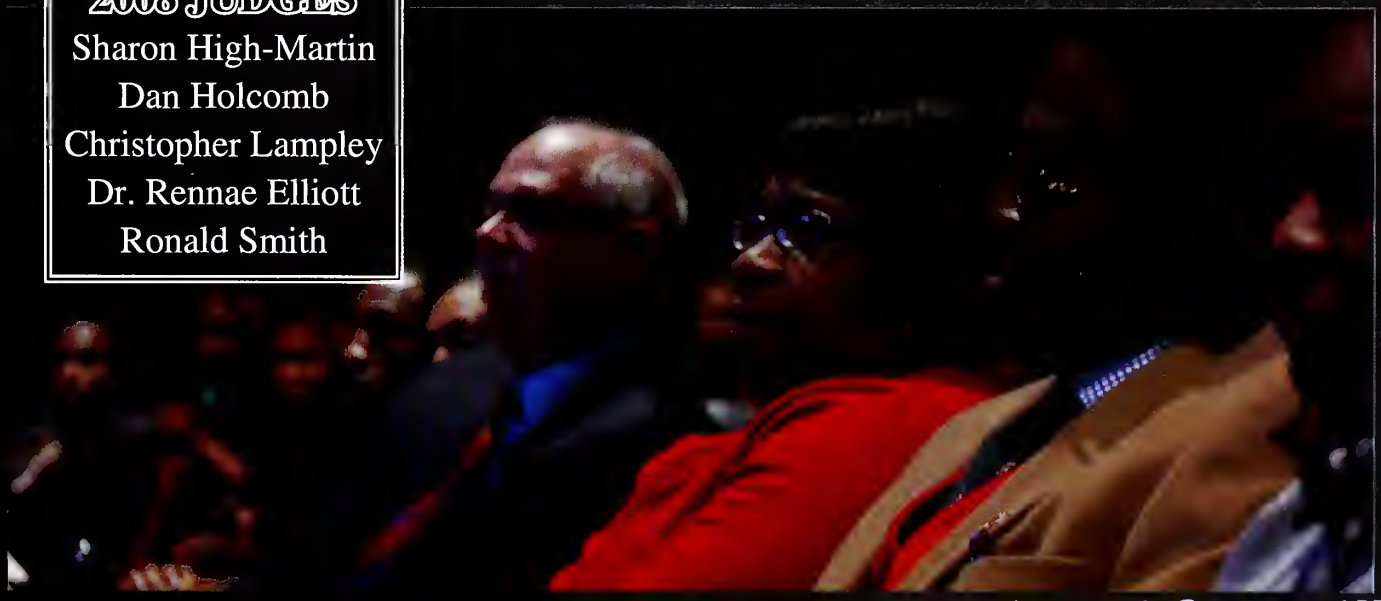
Mrs. Boontang Cartwright

The Oakwood community is continually blessed by Mrs. Cartwright's beautiful smile and presence.

She positively impacts both young and old with her wisdom, encouragement and her love.

2008 JUDGES

Sharon High-Martin
Dan Holcomb
Christopher Lampley
Dr. Rennae Elliott
Ronald Smith



Miss UNCF

United Negro College Fund

Miss UNCF is an annual pageant put on by the National Pre-Alumni Council in several HBCU's to stimulate interest and participation of students in the programs of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), to preserve and to further loyalty and fellowship between the member colleges and universities, assist in raising funds during the annual campaign and help them become better alumni while in school and upon graduation. This year, Oakwood University is congratulating Alyssa Moore for raising the most money for the cause, and in doing so, being crowned this year's Miss UNCF.

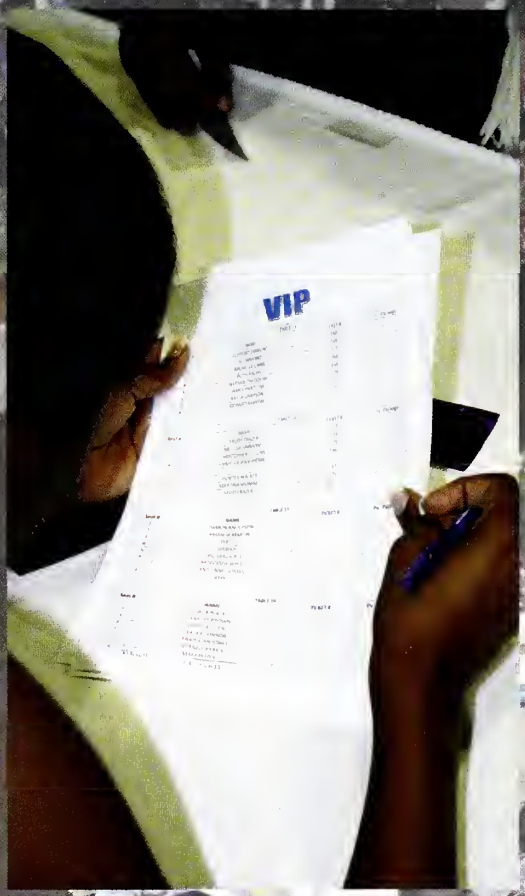
http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/npacfacts.asp

"A Mind is a Terrible

Thing to Waste"

A Midsummer Night's Dream

The year was 2008. The night, Sunday, February 17th. Limos, cars, and buses made their way in succession to the Von Braun Center. The decorations were impeccable. A fountain with a rock pathway and columns with flowering vines adorning them. Huge butterflies hung strategically around the room. A woman in costume as a moving tree, scaring some and delighting others. Lights flashed all night from digital cameras to stage spotlights. The



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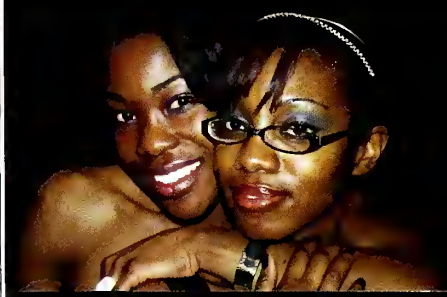
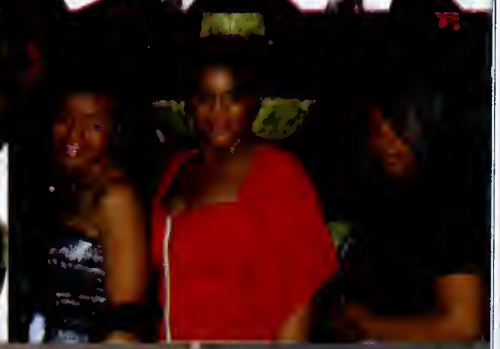


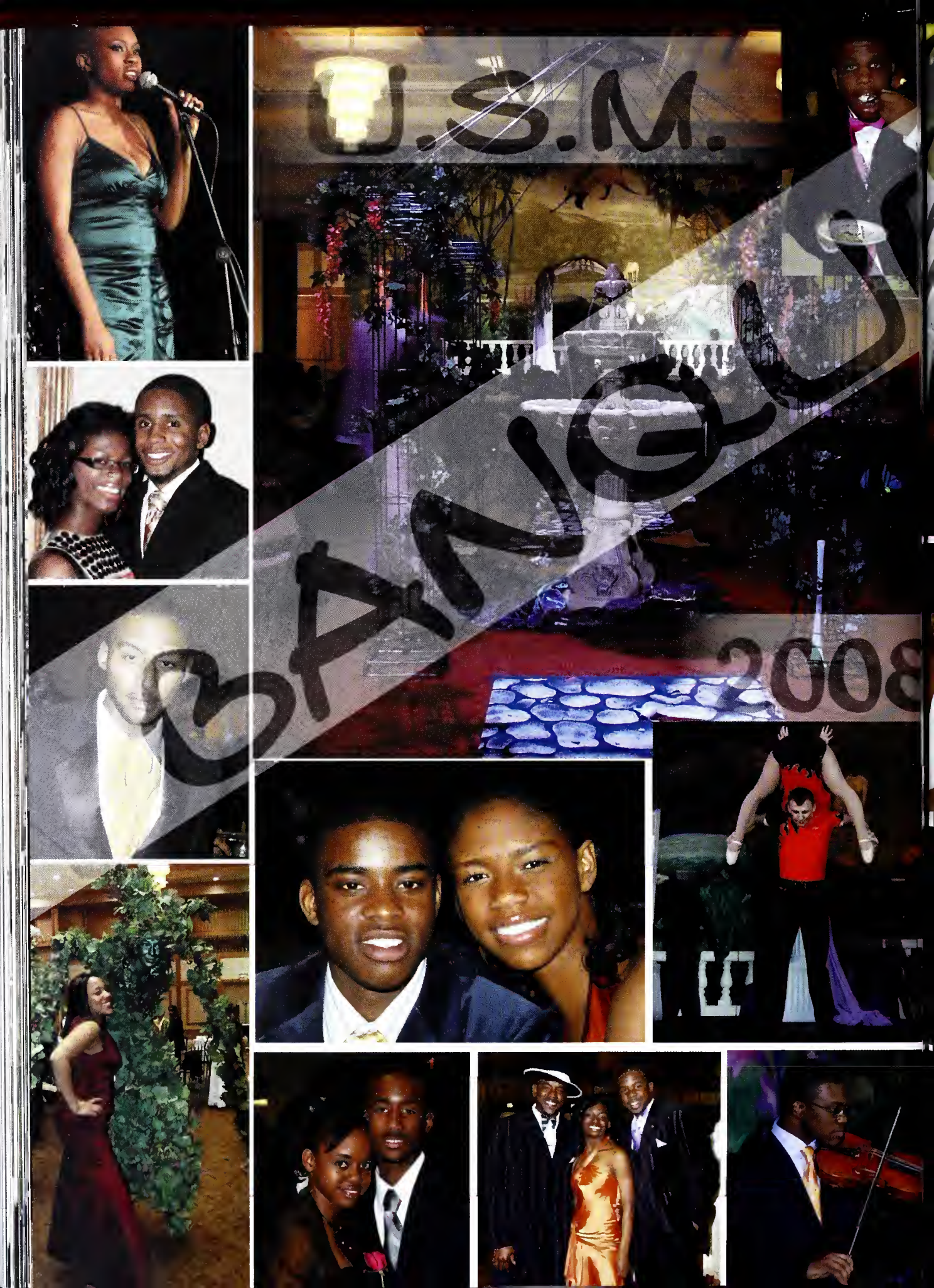
"Prepare for a Night Of Elegance"

Banquet

Entertainment showed up and showed out. Two acrobats, a male and female, showed off their incredible skills while those in the audience watched in awe. The food was delicious. Some claimed it to be the best vegetarian meal they had ever eaten. From the chocolate fountain, to the "mock-tail" bar, to the baggies of candy; the fun just didn't stop until all the pictures were taken, the awards were given out, and all the songs were sung.

Shavavian Smith

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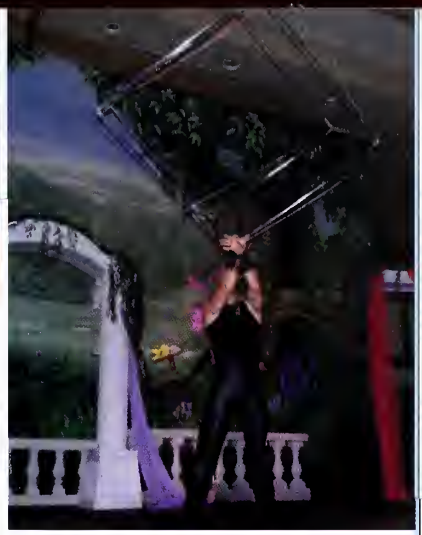
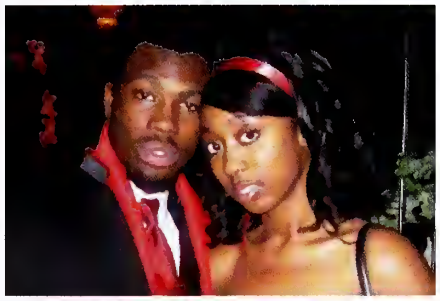
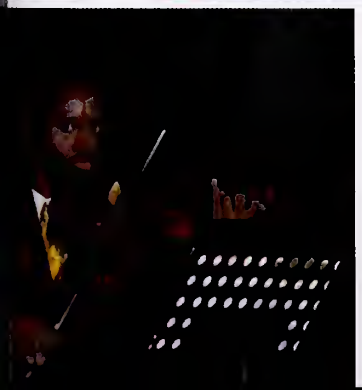






President Delbert Baker kept his promise made last year to the faculty and students of Oakwood by jumping into the natatorium pool after enrollment reached the 1800 mark.

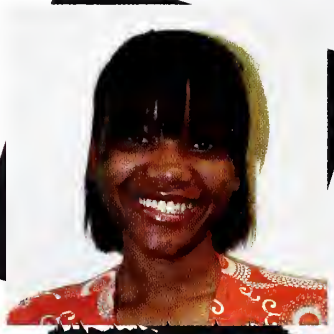
President Takes A DIVE

Senior Reflections

Senior Réflexions

Class of 2008

Senior Glass Officers



ADONNA JAMES
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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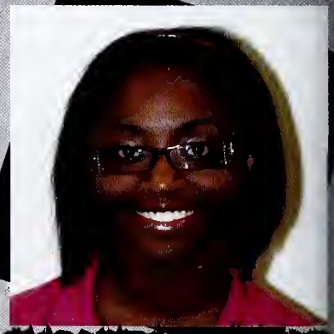
TREASURER

MARY BOUYER
ASSITANT TREASURER

TROY LEVY
CHAPLAIN

NGINA DUVRA
SERGEANT



MARQUITA ROBINSON
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KIMBERLEE ALLERS
SOCIAL COORDINATOR

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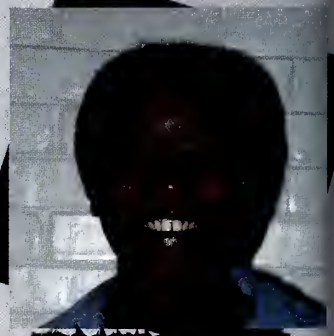
SECRETARY



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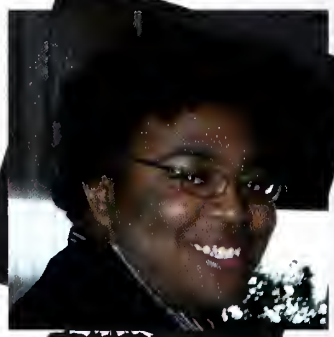

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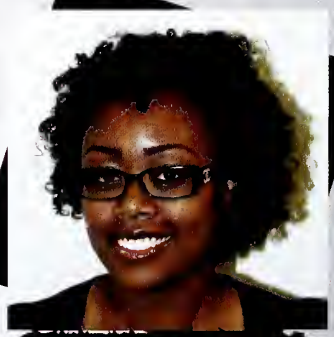

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SPECIAL EVENTS
COORDINATOR

GABRIELLE WILLIAMS
ASSISTANT
SOCIAL COORDIANTOR

President's Message

As I reflect on the past four years spent here at Oakwood, it has been a privilege and honor to serve as your representative in our final year. No one could have prepared me for an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I thank you for selecting, trusting, and allowing me to share the past four years with you. There have been many highlights and a few dark moments, as well as chaotic and stressful times. However, we have grown, matured and developed in ways unimaginable.

Let us not forget where we have come from. The time we've spent here has been filled with laughter and tears, chaotic and relaxing moments, and spiritual ups and downs. Now with graduation in view, it is important for us to reflect on the moments when we were together enjoying the company of one another. It is important for us to reflect on the opportunity God gave each of us to attend Oakwood and graduate. It is important for us to reflect on the knowledge we received in the classrooms at Oakwood and apply our learning in our daily lives. We should reflect on these things.

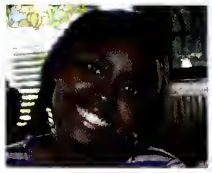
My hope is that my service has benefited you in some capacity. I have given it my all and I hope I met or exceeded all of your expectations. So again, I thank you all! There is so much I can say, and thank you is not enough, but I will end it here.

This moment is bitter-sweet, but I am excited about what the future has in store for you and me.

With Love,
Brittany N. Taylor

Brittany N. Taylor
President

Jonathan M. Tankard
Vice President



Lisa Hall & Charis Mclarty

WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT OAKWOOD COLLEGE?

I'LL MISS ALL OF MY CLOSE FRIENDS BEING IN THE SAME PLACE. – LISA

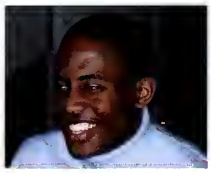
I'LL MISS THE GOOD TIMES WITH FRIENDS AND THE GREAT MUSIC. – CHARIS

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN TEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATION ?

I'LL HAVE A HEALTHY CHRISTIAN FAMILY, AND A CAREER IN PHOTOJOURNALISIM. – BRITTANY

I'LL OWN MY OWN GRAPHIC DESIGN BUSINESS AND RAISE A FAMILY IN THE SOUTH. – MARCUS

Brittany Taylor & Marcus Winkfield



Ryan Lowe & Joshua Tyson

WHAT DO YOU REGRET ABOUT YOUR OAKWOOD EXPERIENCE?

NO REGRETS . . . WELL, MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE STUDIED HARDER. – RYAN

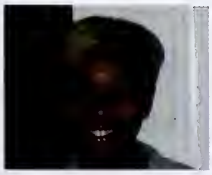
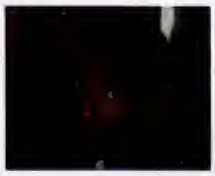
NOT FOCUSING FRESHMAN YEAR . . . OR SOPHOMORE YEAR . . . OR JUNIOR YEAR. – JOSHUA

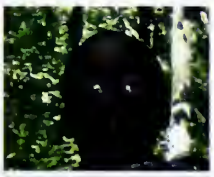
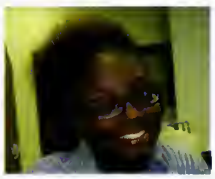
WHAT IS THE BEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU AT OAKWOOD?

SEEING GOD WORK IN MY LIFE AND GETTING TO KNOW HIM PERSONALLY. – SHERENE

I HAVE GROWN INTO A SPIRITUALLY MATURE CHRISTIAN. – ZACHERY

Sherene Samuels & Zachery Saunders

As We Go On
All The Times

We'll Remember
Spent Together

As our lives change
We will still be
AGAPE
Huntsville
AGAPE
Huntsville

Come Whatever
Friends forever!

Andrea Richardson

WHO WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU LEAVE OAKWOOD COLLEGE?

I'LL MISS CAROLYN! I'VE LOVED THE FRIENDSHIP & ENCOURAGEMENT.
– ANDREA

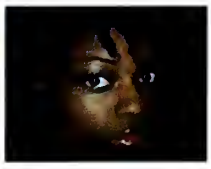
CAROLYN BRITT (LEFT) & CAROLYN BISHOP (RIGHT)
"I'M GOING TO MISS YOU GUYS SO MUCH!"

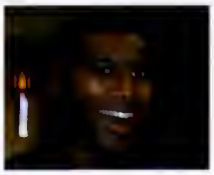
WHO WAS THE BEST ROOMATE YOU HAD WHILE AT OAKWOOD?

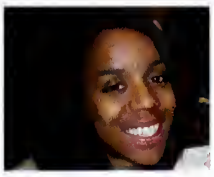
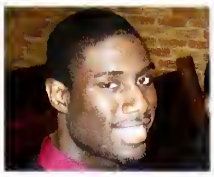
IT'S SO HARD TO DECIDE . . . BUT,
I THINK I'LL JUST GO WITH WHITNEY!
–KASSIDY

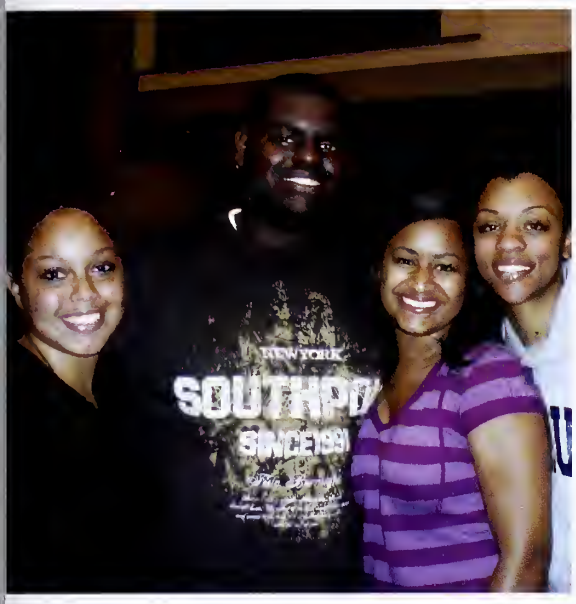
WHITNEY EVANS (LEFT) – "MY ROOMMATE JUNIOR YEAR!"
WHITNEY ALLEN (CENTER) – "SOPHOMORE YEAR ROOMIE!"

Kassidy Alexander







Rico Hall

WHO DO YOU HANG WITH ON THE WEEKENDS?

I USUALLY HANG WITH AMBER, TAMMY, & SOOK – MY GREATEST FRIENDS.

– RICO

AMBER BOYD (LEFT) – "HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND!"
TAMMY PONDEDXTER (NEAR RIGHT) – "GAAA BUDDY!"
SAKINA STEVENS (FAR RIGHT) – "CALLED ME COREY!"

WHO'S YOUR BEST FRIEND AT OAKWOOD?

REY, BECAUSE WE ENJOY THE SAME THINGS – GIRLS, SCIENCE, MUSIC . . . AND GIRLS.

– JEREL

REYNIAK RICHARDS – "MY BEST FRIEND!"

Jerel Wright

In Four or More

Wow. For real? It's been four (or more) years already?
I just got here!
We're graduating?

I know time has passed, but wow has it passed fast
College years don't last
Too long
But oh how I long for those freshman years
Because it seems like every year before senior year
Was equivalent to a freshman year
So far gone, away, when life seemed just a little easier
And at the same time, we felt just a little needier
Flew pass faster than a modern day meteor
But everything has fallen in place, call it linear

Now we can look back and see how God made it plain
Told us write this major down and do not complain
Don't understand it all, but it soon will be clear
So now we look back and say
Remember "Nothing to Fear?"
When registration was far from being online
And that triumphant feeling when you refused to pay that fine
As freshman, we were scared not to go to chapel
Now we relax at ten on Tuesdays, sipping on Snapple
When we were all stressed about worship credits
Will you see us at a worship now? Don't bet it.
When Nikki Anderson played backwards at College Days
When the gym was not at capacity at ANY game
When security was lax and the snack bar had smoothies

Trying to be buddy-buddy with the night dean on duty
When we as freshman came in and took over Art & Soul
That first time you walked outside and said
"Dang, Huntsville is cold!"
So in the end, we say we've had the Oakwood experience
The people made it worthwhile,
but not more than financial clearance.

But really, the true experience is when we realize God is real.
Face to face. You experience Him, as if you can feel
Him inside of you—see Him working in your life.
See His spirit move.
Meet Him and come to the understanding that all of this
would not matter if it wasn't for Him.
Couldn't have done it without His grace.
[someone screams] Thank you Jesuuuuuus!
When AY means more than entertainment
And you survive your cardiac arrest when a M'Kononia
member sitting next to you jumps up and screams
"Crucify Him!"

Oakwood means more. Oakwood means meeting God.
And if in four (or more) years it still hasn't happened.
Maybe you should stay here a little longer…

(Nawww. I don't know about that. But you really need to
pray about it!)
IN FOUR (Or More)

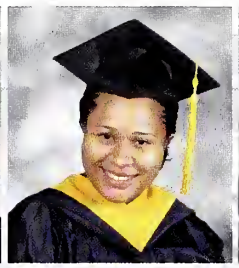
--- Amber K. Boyd

Graduating

Meade Adams

Samuel Adams

Enoch Adu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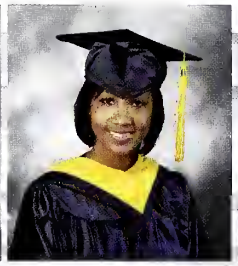
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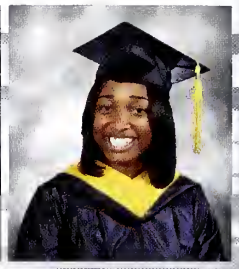
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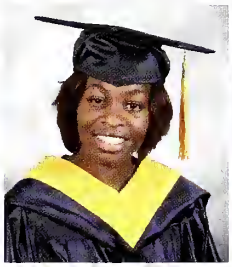
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Jamie Allicock

Joy Anderson

Nicole Anderson

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Tracy Augustin

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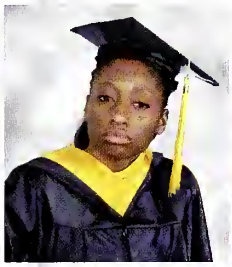
Rachel Baker

Alana Banks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Cortnee Blayton

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Mary Bouyer

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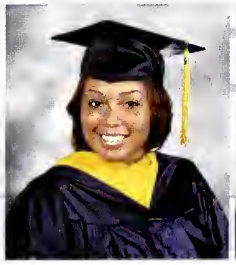
Amber Boyd

Claudine Brown

Eric Brown

Seniors

G. Jeremy Burley

Reginald Calixte

Hubert Campbell

Kyesha Carroll

Ayanda Chakawa

Henry Chambers

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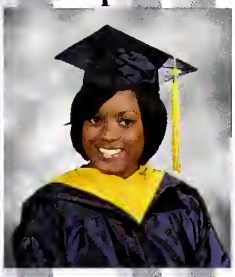
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Melissa Cunningham

Fredine Daley

Renee Dandy

Kwame Danielson

Olukayode Dare

Beatrice Dolce

Antoine Dumas

Danielle Dupree

Ngina Duvra

Rosalyn Dyson

Denese Eakins

Robert Edmond

Belinda Ellis

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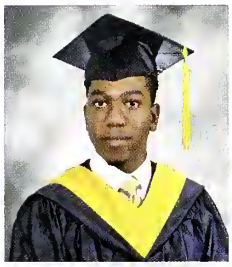
There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning.
–Orrin Hatch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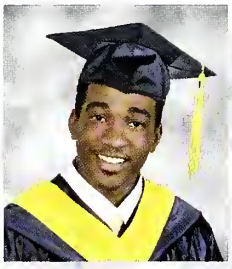
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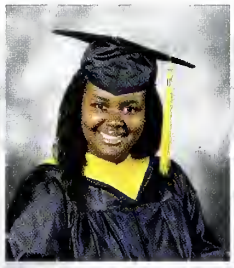
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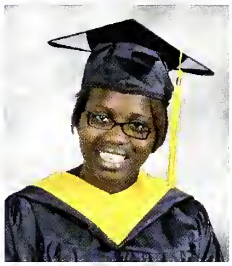
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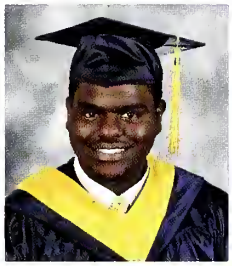
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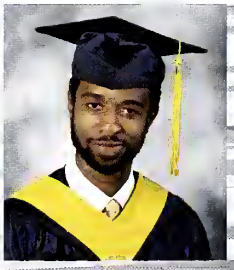
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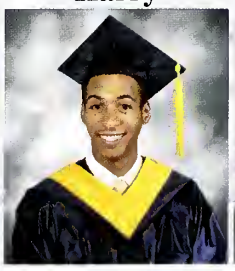
Richard Hinds

Lisa Hodo

Nathan Hollie

You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.
-Tom Brokaw

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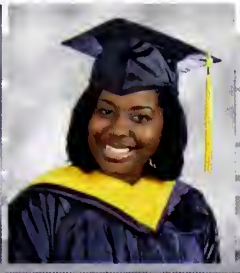
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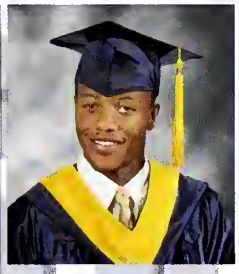
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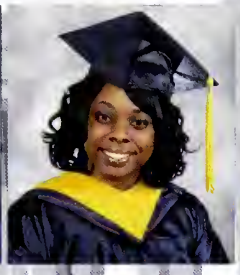
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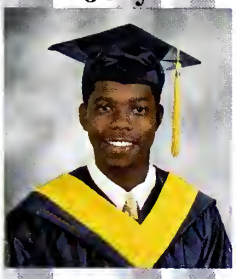
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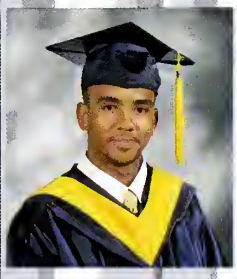
Darell Lennear

Troy Levy

Mareka Lindo

Carl Lokko

Nahila Louinis

Jana-lynn Louis

Ronald Louis

Ryan Lowe

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Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After twenty-two years of child-raising, they are unemployed.
-Erma Bombeck

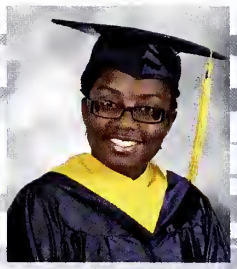
Michelle Lumbard

Rahel Lynes

Shanae Mackenzie

Rose Martial

Solomon Matheka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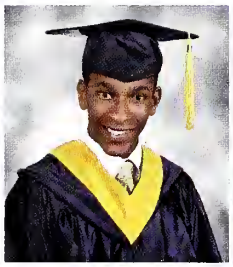
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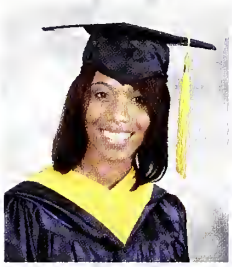
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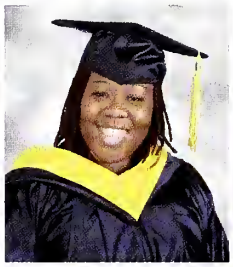
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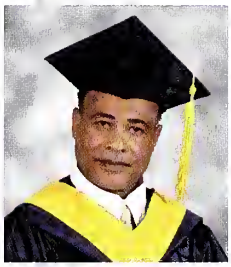
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Andre Mingo

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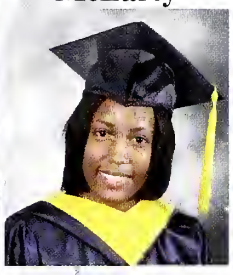
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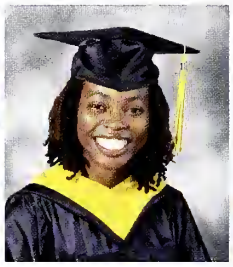
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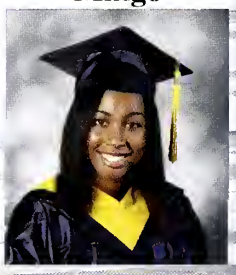
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A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that 'individuality' is the key to success.
–Robert Orben

Imikigwe Mwasumbi

Louis Nelson Jr.

Seth Newman

Marc Nixon

Celeste Omeler

Timothy Ongwell

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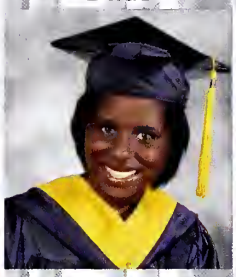
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Marquita Robinson

Elsie Romilus

Carolina Ross

Joyce Ross

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In the business world, everyone is paid in two coins: cash and experience. Take the experience first; the cash will come later.
—Harold Geneen

Patrick Rumph

Arika Sampson

Sherene Samuels

Zachary Saunders

Erica Scott

Emily Shay

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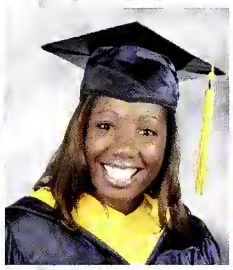
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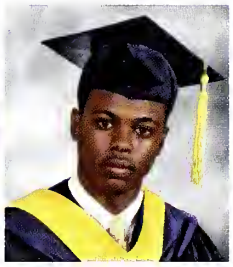
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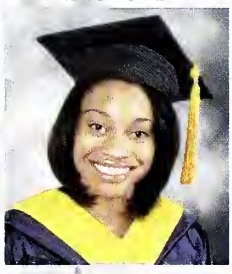
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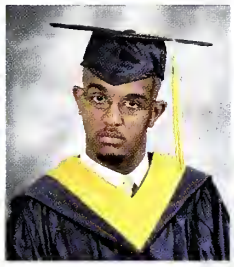
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Sheree Usher

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It is clear the future holds great opportunities. It also holds pitfalls. The trick will be to avoid the pitfalls, seize the opportunities, and get back home by six o'clock.
-Woody Allen

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Loren Walwyn-Tross

Monica Ward

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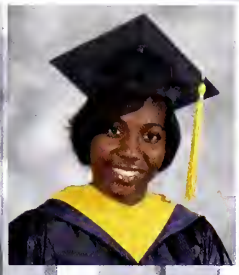
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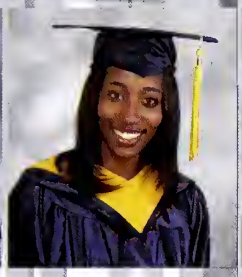
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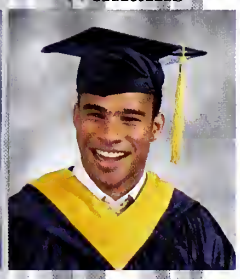
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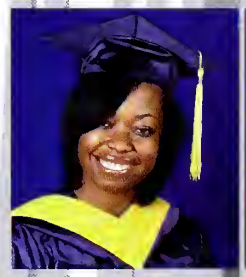
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Jonathan Green

Adam Lee

Timothy Olar

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.
-Henry Ford

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Under-Dressed...

Dakarai Brown

Rachelle Cagilus

Sean Calliard

Andrew Chung

Dana Daley

Shellian Evans

Almonique Forbes

Ra`shonda Foster

Danielle Grant

Meaghan Hicks

Lashay Hollinsid

Arthur Jennings

Christine Jobson

Lakisha Jones

Rachel Jones

Kyla Joseph

Newton King

Bethani Mcdaniel

Edsen Noel

Orlene Parks

Adam Perry

Kanetha Peters

Gabrielle Phanor

Kethia Phelizor

Sybille Pierre

Karin Pollard

Tammy Pondexter

Marcus Porter

Tabia Powell

Jarrett Roseborough

WE MUST GO BEYOND TEXTBOOKS, GO OUT INTO THE BYPATHS AND UNTRODDEN DEPTHS OF THE WILDERNESS AND TRAVEL AND EXPLORE AND TELL THE WORLD THE GLORIES OF OUR JOURNEY.
–JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

Michael Ross

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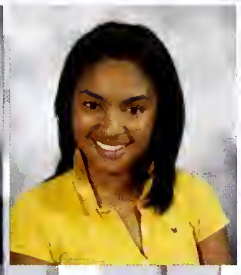
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Michael Steele

Sarah Strand

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Sifa Uaine

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Nicholas Williams

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– W.E.B. DU BOIS

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SEXIEST & SUPERLATIVES

BEST DRESSED

Amber Boyd & Adam Lee

Nominees: Nelson Beato, Shari Myles, & Sakina Stevens

BEST HAIR

Delia Williams & Nelson Beato

Nominees: Krystle Kenner, Adam Lee [illegible] & Dwayne Wilhite

BEST SMILE

Brittany McCowan & Michael Conner

[illegible]

BIGGEST FLIRT

Martina McGhee* & Cyrus Lewis*

[illegible]ld Phillips & Whitney [illegible]

[illegible]minees: Joshua Tyson & Vernitra Y[illegible]

NICEST EYES

Timothy Jackson

Nominee: Vernitra Yountz

5/1/00 Love

BEST ALL AROUND

Candeis Harris & Andrew Lee

Nominees: Rachel Baker, Melissa Lee & Marcus Moss

CUTEST COUPLE

Brittany Taylor & Marcus Winkfield

Nominees: Oliva Baker & Terrell Black
Nikru Umez & Michael Vance
Alyssa Valcin & Matthew Jean

MOST CHANGED

Louia McDonald

Nominees: Lisa Hall, Nathan Hamilton, Sakina Stevens & Deilia Williams

MOST LIKELY TO LIVE IN HUNTSVILLE FOREVER

Joy Anderson & Drake Barber

Nominees: Alexandrea Frye, Stanley McCall, Courtney Mingo & Gerald Phillips

WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN A COUPLE

Sarah Sims & Gerald Phillips*

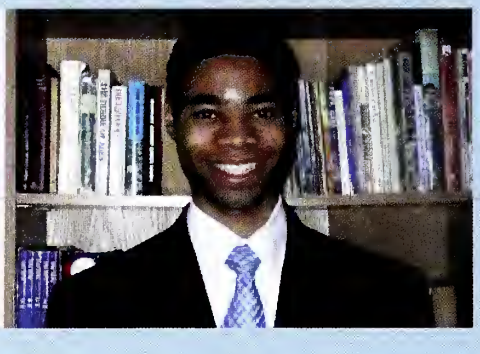
First Place: Eden Barber & Justin Wilson
Nominees: Joy Anderson & Jerel Wright, Lisa Hall & Ryan Lowe, Sasha Mitchell & David Robinson

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

MOST LIKELY TO BECOME A MILLIONAIRE

Tiffany Silvera &
Matthew English

First Place: Louia McDonald
Nominees: Rahel Lages, Karen Pollard & David Richardson



MOST LIKELY TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF OAKWOOD

Carl Lokko

Nominees: Meade Adams & Sherwin Pavia

MOST LIKELY TO DISCOVER A CURE FOR A DISEASE

Wayne Evans, Gabrielle Williams & Marcus Moss

MOST LIKELY TO PASTOR A YOUR CHURCH

Troy Levy

Nominees: Meade Adams, Joel Bohannon & Shane Franc

MOST LIKELY TO STEAL A SUPERLATIVE

Lisa Hall & Joy Anderson

Smartest: Janiel Bates & Reyniak Richards

CLASS CLOWN

Nicole Anderson & Justin Wilson

Nominees: Christina Barry & Darrell Lennear

MOST LIKELY TO BE ON A REALITY TV SHOW

Sheree Usher & Shaun Palmer*

First Place: Justin Wilson
Nominee: Christina Barry

MOST LIKELY TO BE A TALKSHOW HOST

Cortnee Blayton & Kassidy Alexander*

First Place: Bruce Brown
Nominee: Kassidy Alexander & Justin Wilson

MOST MUSICALLY INCLINED

Jasmine Jacobs* & Frank McGinnis

First Place: Nicole Anderson
Nominee: Bruce Brown & Nelson Beato

SPORTIEST

Whitney Bowens* & Terrell Black

First Place: Candeis Harris
Nominees: Kimberlee Allers, Michael Conner & Shaun Palmer

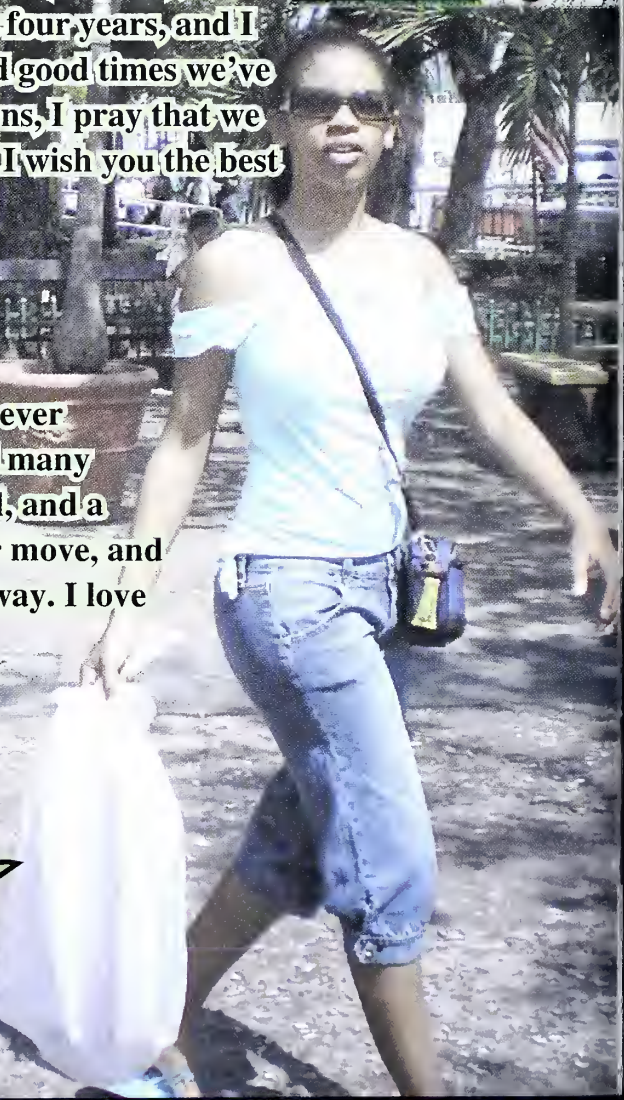
Congratulations Class of 2008!!!

To my friends:

We have joked, shared, talked (A LOT!), and had a lot of fun over the last four years, and I appreciate all of the love and good times we've shared. As we all head off to our separate destinations, I pray that we keep in touch and remain close. I love all of you and I wish you the best as we take the first steps of our grown lives.

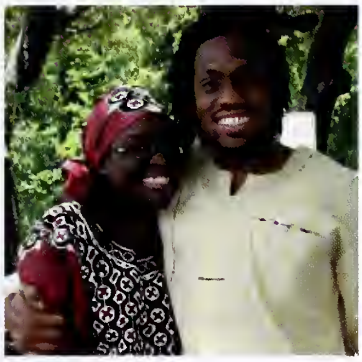
To my family:

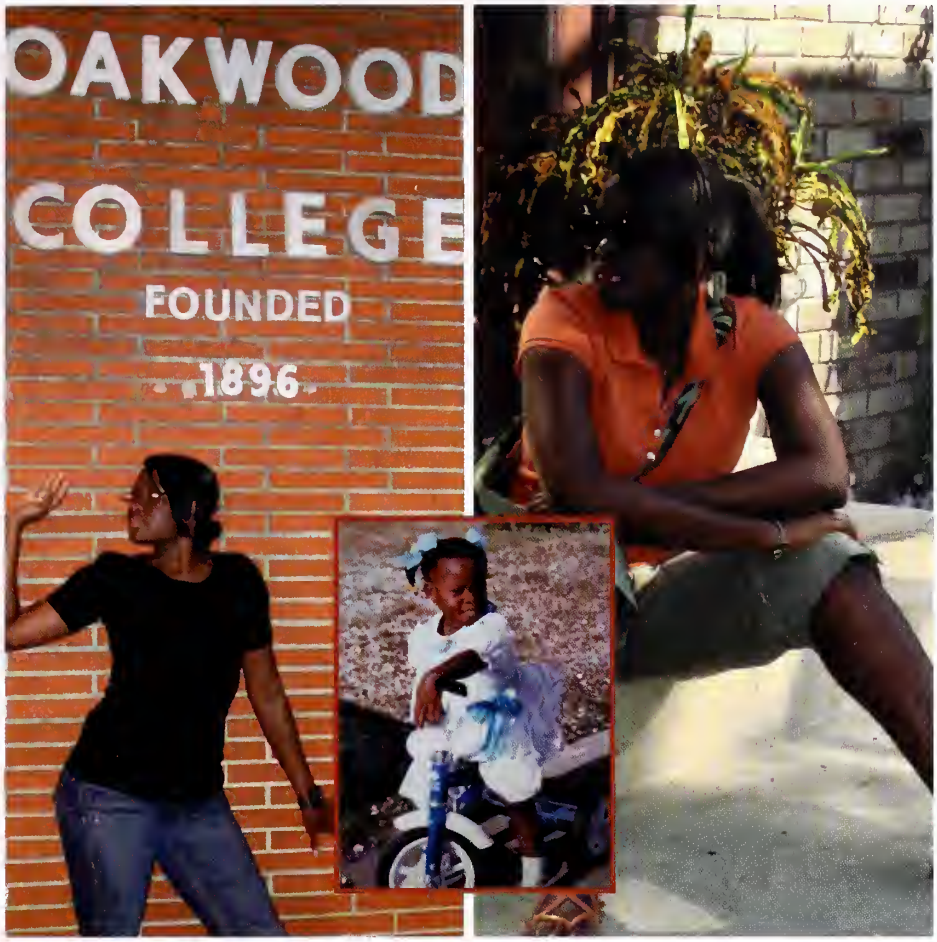
You have been the best support system I could have ever prayed for! Throughout the years you have endured many changes of Majors, ups and downs of summer school, and a major case of Senioritis in regards to my next career move, and you have listened, counseled, and guided me on my way. I love you very much and I thank you for everything!



God Bless,

Lisa Hall





My daughter and my money have indeed gone to Oakwood College/University, but I sent you both with joy.

Shanika Phillips, you have been able to grow academically and spiritually during your years at Oakwood. You put forth new roots that will surely support your future development. Life was not always fun and frolic. You had to endure social and sleep deprivation at times to accomplish your goals. However, you understood the importance of deferred gratification; you knew what it meant to correctly prioritize, and to trust in an unfailing God. Consequently, you are now a proud graduate of the institution that you have grown to love so deeply.

We share in your pride, exuberance and sense of accomplishment. You have made us proud. Thanks be to God who gave you the victory.

Congratulations and God's richest blessings as you journey on!

Mummy, Daddy, Sherina, Uncle Newton, Aunt Syllette, and Newton

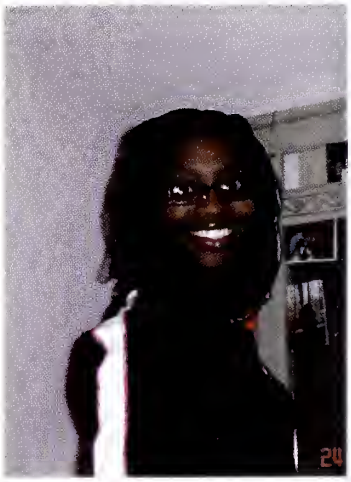
Congratulations Marquita,

We praise the Lord that He has kept, blessed, and developed your character throughout your time at Oakwood University. We congratulate you on using your God given talents to cooperate with the school's faculty and administration to complete your academic coursework with excellence and dignity. As your parents, we look forward to your continued growth and success as you pursue God's calling in your life while serving broader humanity.

Marquita

Marquita, you have honored our time, energy, effort, and love invested in you, not only now, but throughout the years. Your warmth and love, we will always cherish. You will constantly be in our prayers. Truly, we are thankful and grateful to be your parents.

Love Mom and Dad



Robinson

Andrea

Words cannot express the joy we feel as you reach this important milestone in your life. May your graduation serve as a reminder that you can accomplish many wonderful things through hard work, perseverance, and faith in God. Continue to put God first in your life and He will direct your path. We are very proud of you and happy for you!

Love Unconditionally,
Dad, Mom and Joey

Richardson

Gabrielle Williams

Congratulations on your College Graduation!

To our daughter Gabrielle. You have been loved before you were born. We are so proud of your accomplishments. We thank God every day, and we are so blessed to share in our lives. Be strong always in the Lord, and never forget your favorite scripture(Philippians 4:13). Put God first in all that you do, and you will succeed. May God continue to bless you in all of your endeavors.

Loving you always.

Mommy & Daddy

Dear Mom, Dad, Kim, and Ebby,

I just want to thank you for all the support I've gained from you guys throughout my entire life. My four years here at Oakwood have been made possible by all of you and there isn't a single word that expresses how much I thank you or how much I love you. I'm so blessed to have such a perfect family and I hope I've made you guys proud of me.

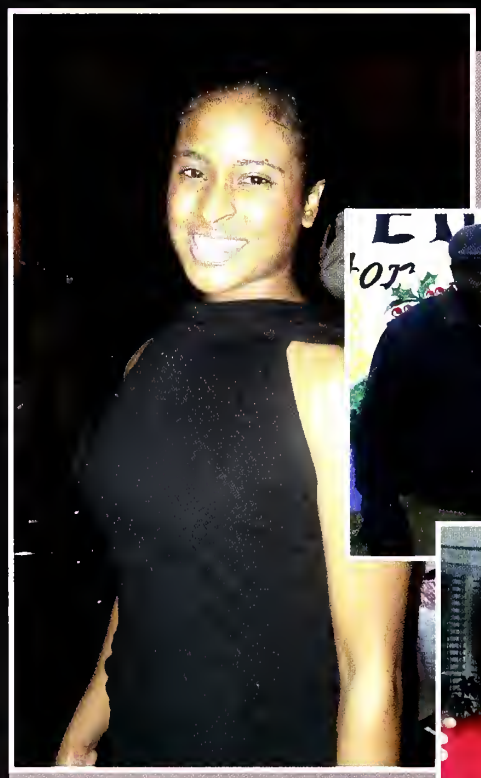
With much love and gratefulness,

Tamara Nicole Anderson

Dad & Mom

Me & Ebby

Kim



I just want to thank:

God
Dad
Mom
Matthew
Tamara
Grandma Anderson
Grandma Warren
Lioness
All my other
Family & Friends.

Love you guys so much!
Joy Kaitlyn Anderson

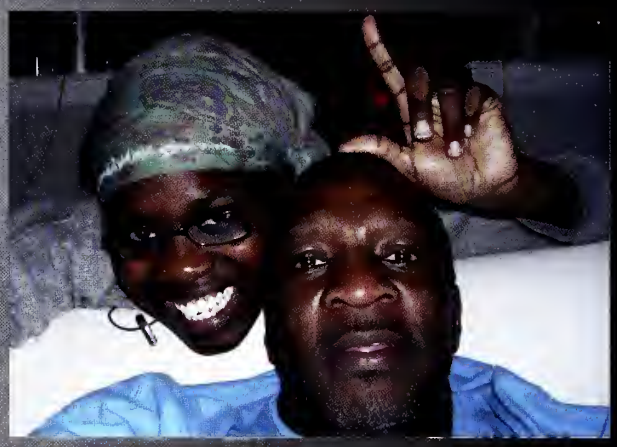
"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!"

Sasha,

We thank God for all that He has done in your life! As you prepare for graduate school and your future, please remember that anywhere with Jesus you can safely go! Continue to pray and trust God for all of your needs and desires.

Love,

Your Family



Alex we are so proud of you and every thing you have accomplished. The very first time we laid eyes on you we loved you and we knew you were a gift from God. You have been a great joy in our lives.

You have always been a great student and by God's grace we know that you will be a great teacher.

Put God first,
Reach for the stars
And all your dreams
will come true.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not into your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."
Proverbs 3:5, 6

Love always,

Mommy, Daddy,
Maurice,
& your entire family

Congratulations

Candeis N. Harris

class of 2008

I would like to thank the Lord for the greatest daughter in the world. Words could not explain how I have been truly blessed to have you in my life. I am very proud of you and I am sure your Heavenly Father is as well. I know if you continue too be a child of God and do His work, then I will not have anything to worry about.

Sweetie,
you are
my latest,
Candi, you're
my greatest,
my latest,
my greatest
inspiration.

That the trial of your faith,being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:7

Much love, From Gee Gee, your brothers, Dom and Bass, and your sis, Lupita, your dad, Julius and your only mom , "Tam Tam."

ENDNOTES

In the midst of social activities, challenging classes, world events, and spiritual revivals, in the time spent at Oakwood, any one individual can look back and find many things to reflect upon. So many in fact that it is impossible for them all to be recorded in just this one book. What's most important is that regardless of whether or not they've been captured on film or recorded in script, that the most relevant moments experienced here at Oakwood are remembered and reflected upon for now and for years to come.

ENDNOTES

THIS IS *YOUR* YEARBOOK. THESE ARE *YOUR* REFLECTIONS. LOOK BACK ON THEM WITH AN OPEN MIND AND LEARN FROM THEM HOW TO **ADVANCE** IN ALL ASPECTS; PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, MENTAL, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,

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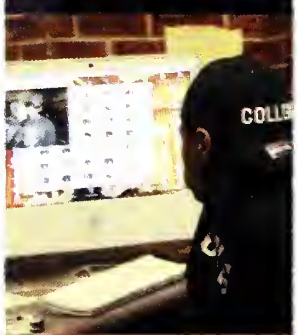

Last year, when I was asked to be co-editor of the yearbook, I knew it would be a lot of work, but I didn't realize how much time and dedication would be needed. This experience has definitely showed me how to deal with the different personalities there can be on one small yearbook staff. At the end of the day, however, without all of them, the reflection we hope to have created for you wouldn't have been the same.

Thank you . . .

Krystal – Jackson 5 will FOREVER be tha song to play. I wouldn't have wanted to work with any other editor than you:-D.

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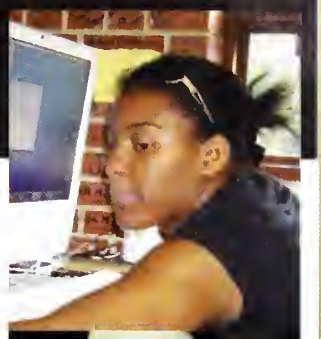
To all the other staff, and to YOU Oakwood University – for being the best student body to capture the essence of this 2007-2008 school year.

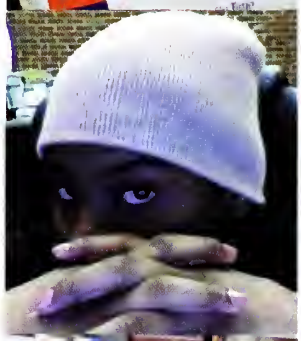
"After all the late nights, speeding to the Fed-Ex store and trying to find that perfect shot... At the end of the day, I can definitely say it was worth it"

"It's been a long road with many ups and downs, but we made it, and I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. Thank you everyone for the love and support."



To mother & father of mine –
I didn't sleep in the office! I just took long naps... Anyway, thanks for getting me out of there at a decent hour, and keeping me occupied during those long walks back to Wade.

To Supereman, Stephan, & Aspen –
I love you guys!!! Thank you so much for keeping me sane throughout this. See you soon.



To the yearbook staff –
You all are the BEST! Couldn't have done it without you! **Ivey**, I still blame you for my facebook, but thank you so much for helping me with this! You're a great photographer. **Scott**, thanks for the photoshop help and the "Heroes" episodes. **Tim**, thanks for the company during "crunch time." **Joy**, the expertise in all yeabook areas, priceless! **Lisa**, taking up all the pictures; THANKS A LOT!

To all my potential employers – finishing this project shows just how dedicated I am to my profession. **HIRE ME!!!**

To the OU student body – Here it is. Your yeabook. We all put a lot of time and effort into this. Enjoy.

Krystal Johnson
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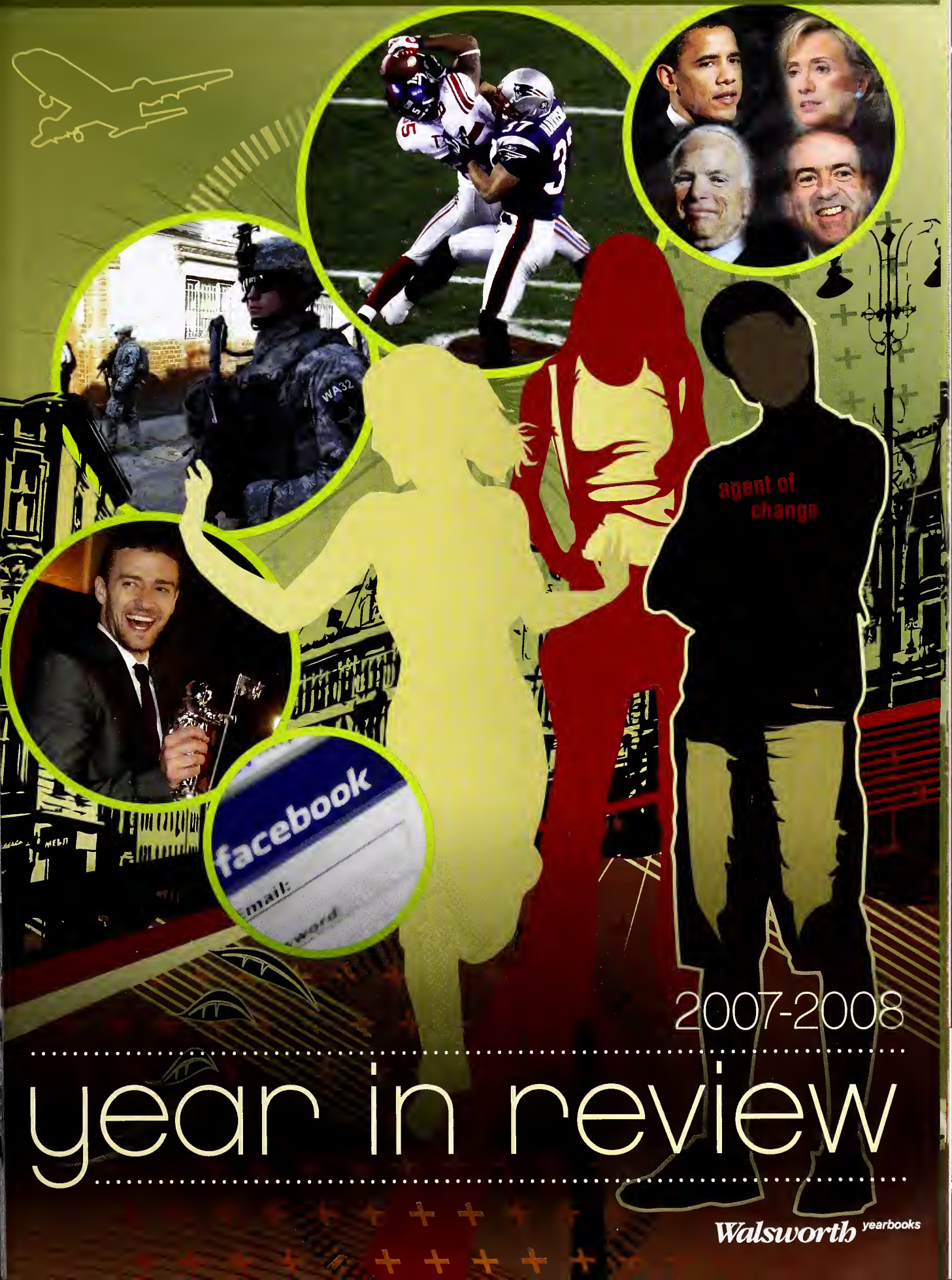

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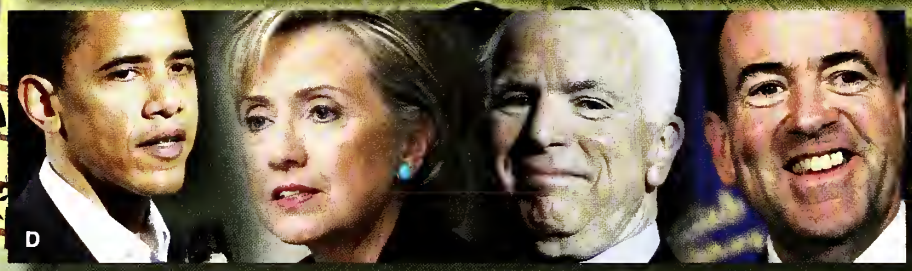
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A. Economic aches

Gasoline and food prices went up and home prices went down as the economy weakened. At yearend 2007, the national average price for one gallon of gas was $2.97, while the average price for a gallon of milk was $3.80. Home prices experienced the largest drop in 16 years. In addition, jumps in adjustable rate mortgages left many homeowners behind or unable to pay their monthly house payments.

B. Drying up

A severe drought in the southeast U.S. led to water use restrictions and renewed tensions over water supplies in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. The drought was the worst in northern Georgia in 100 years.

C. Superbug hits schools

Schools across the country began dealing with a drug-resistant staph superbug called methicillen-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA. Some schools closed for cleaning when a student was found to have the bacteria. MRSA caused several student deaths.

D. Stay tuned

Frontrunners kept changing before the summer conventions to pick 2008 presidential candidates. But as of Super Tuesday, Feb. 5, U.S. Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton were in a dead heat in their quest for the Democratic Party's nomination, while for the Republicans, U.S. Senator John McCain, almost written off a few months ago, had a large lead over former Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas.

E. Gore wins Nobel

Former Vice President Al Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on informing the public about global warming. He shared the award with the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Gore said he planned to donate his half of the $1.6 million prize to an organization that works to cut carbon emissions.

F. Misfit toys

More than 12 million toys made in China were recalled for containing high levels of lead. Mattel, the nation's number one toy maker, also recalled 172,000 Fisher-Price toys that could pose choking hazards.

A container ship hit the Bay Bridge in San Francisco, causing the worst oil spill in the bay in 20 years.

Steve Fossett, holder of many aviation records, disappeared during a flight over Nevada.

Cancer deaths were declining because more people were getting screened and new treatments were saving lives, scientists said.

Myanmar quelled the uprising by Buddhist monks for democracy, killing and detaining thousands of people.

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G. War goes on

In the war on terror, more than 165,000 U.S. troops were stationed in Iraq and approximately 25,000 in Afghanistan. The number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq began to decrease monthly, likely caused by changes in strategy in the fight against the insurgents.

H. California wildfires

More than 23 wildfires blazed across almost 500,000 acres of southern California in October, destroying 2,300 homes. Twelve people died. Arson was the cause of some of the fires. Santa Ana winds also fueled fires again in late November.

I. Democracy threatened

Democracy in Pakistan, a nuclear-armed nation, was on shaky ground already when former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was killed during a political rally. Elections originally scheduled for January were delayed. Amid the tensions between political factions in the country, additional concerns stemmed from possible threats from al Qaeda and Taliban extremists in the country.

HELP ON A GLOBAL SCALE

Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, worked to end world hunger and extreme poverty through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

- **$306 million – Amount the foundation pledged in January to help small farmers in Africa and developing countries grow and sell their crops.**
- **$14.5 million – Amount given since 1994 for the foundation's key areas: global health issues, global development such as agriculture and research, and U.S. education.**
- **$3.2 billion – Projected amount the foundation expected to give away in 2009.**
- **820 million – Number of people who suffer from chronic hunger in the developing world.**

gatesfoundation.org

The population of New Orleans was about 300,000, or 65% of its size prior to 2005's Hurricane Katrina.

Liz Claiborne, who started her company in 1976 to bring stylish, affordable clothing to working women, died of cancer.

Rioting and deaths occurred during disputes over the outcome of Kenya's presidential election.

A Siberian tiger at the San Francisco Zoo killed a teen and mauled two others on Christmas Day.

J. Rush-hour bridge collapse

Bridges across the country were inspected after an Interstate 35 bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapsed Aug. 1. Thirteen people were killed, and eventually 88 vehicles were located in the bridge wreckage or the river. Construction work was being done on the bridge when it collapsed during rush hour.

K. Castro steps down

Fidel Castro, 81, ended his 49 years as president of Cuba by resigning the post due to his health. Castro and his brother, Raul Castro, overthrew the Cuban government in 1959, installing communism in the tiny island nation 90 miles from Florida. Reaction regarding Cuba's future was mixed from Cuban-Americans in Florida, many of whom had fled the communist regime.

L. Protests in Jena

Tensions ran high in Jena, La., where six black teens were charged with beating a white classmate. Supporters of the Jena 6 said the beating followed an earlier incident in which white high school students hung nooses on campus. The supporters were angered because the white students were punished with school suspension, while criminal charges were filed against the Jena 6.

M. What is Iran up to?

U.S. intelligence concluded in a report that Iran actually stopped work in 2003 on a nuclear weapons program the U.S. suspected it had still ongoing. That was the year the U.S. had invaded neighboring Iraq. However, Iran announced it was close to starting up its Bushehr nuclear facility, which will provide electricity to the country. Russia was building the plant for Iran and was supplying the nuclear fuel.

N. No safe place

In December, a 19-year-old gunman killed six employees and two customers in a department store in Omaha's Westroads Mall before killing himself. A few days later, a gunman killed two staff people at a missionary center in Arvada, Colo., then killed two teens at a Colorado Springs church before being shot by a church volunteer security guard.

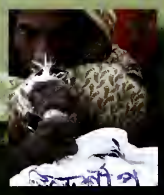
O. Safe and effective?

Drug companies pulled cough and cold medicines for children under age two out of stores, while pediatricians urged the government to issue a statement saying the medicine should not be used in children under age six. Many of the cough and cold medicines have never been tested in children.

Working the overnight shift was listed as a probable cause of cancer. About 20% of workers in developed countries work nights.

The Airbus A380, the world's largest airliner, made its first flight from Singapore to Sydney with 485 passengers and crew.

A dormitory parent at Oprah Winfrey's school for girls in South Africa was charged with abusing students.



Cyclone Sidr killed more than 3,200 people and injured nearly 40,000 in Bangladesh, the government reported.

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P. Weathering the weather

In December, back-to-back rainstorms with hurricane-force winds pounded Oregon and Washington, where helicopters rescued people stranded in floodwaters. An ice storm hit the Midwest, leaving many people without electricity for days, including 600,000 people in Oklahoma. In February, more than 50 people were killed in tornadoes that struck Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama and Kentucky.

Q. Social technology solves crimes

Oakland, Calif., police used clues from a MySpace page to charge a man in the shooting death of a high school student, while police in Washington, D.C., used a Facebook profile, found by the victim, to charge a man in a hate-crime attack near the Georgetown University campus.

R. Lively and quick

Hurricane Humberto took southeast Texas by surprise, going from a tropical depression to a hurricane in 18 hours. A specialist at the National Hurricane Center said no tropical cyclone has ever grown stronger at a faster rate while being so close to land. Still, it does not take long for a hurricane to cause damage, which was estimated at less than $500 million.

S. No help needed

Six French aid workers were sentenced to eight years of hard labor for trying to take more than 100 children out of Chad for adoption. The workers, who were with the charity Zoe's Ark, said the children were Darfur orphans living in Chad. But officials with the Red Cross and UNICEF said most of the children were from Chad and were living with their families when they were taken.

SMOKE-FREE AREAS INCREASE

More states, cities and non-public areas ban smoking.

- **22 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have laws prohibiting smoking in workplaces and public places, up from two states five years ago.**
- **Almost 60 college campuses have smoke-free policies**
- **The number of teen smokers continued to decline. In 2007, only 3% of 8th graders, 7% of 10th graders and 12% of 12th graders smoked daily.**

American Lung Association, American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation and Monitoring the Future study/University of Michigan

Researchers found that biting has caused the spread of facial cancer tumors that have killed 90% of the Tasmanian Devils on Tasmania.

The $5 bill got a color makeover, following the updates of the $10, $20 and $50 bills to thwart counterfeiters.

O.J. Simpson was charged in a Las Vegas robbery, allegedly trying to regain some of his sports memorabilia at gunpoint.

Six percent of Britons claim to have done dental work on themselves, such as pulling teeth, as subsidized care was unavailable.

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A. Almost perfect

The New England Patriots dominantly marched through the NFL regular season and AFC playoffs 18-0, and appeared ready to become the first pro football team in more than 35 years to finish a season without a loss. But the New York Giants had other ideas, and they ended the run at perfection with a 17-14 upset win in Super Bowl XLII. The much-hyped game was the most watched Super Bowl of all time, and the second-most watched TV program ever

B. Daddy goes to work

Golfer Tiger Woods became a dad for the first time, with daughter Sam being born during the summer. The new dad kicked it into gear again, winning his 13th major at the PGA Championship and closing the season by winning the Tour Championship.

C. Scary moment

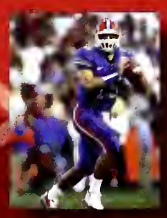
During one of his runs at the Summer X Games, skateboarder Jake Long gave the audience a terrible scare when he lost his balance in mid-air, flew off his skateboard and fell about 45 feet straight down onto the ramp below. Even though Long's fall was roughly equivalent to more than three stories, he walked away with [illegible] contusions and fractures, but lived to tell about it and be [illegible] skateboarding legend in the process

D. Big breakthrough

After several years of hype basketball phenom LeBron James finally began to show signs of living up to his nickname of "The Chosen One." In only his fourth season, and at only 22 years old, James guided the Cleveland Cavaliers into the NBA Finals. In the process, he became a media superstar, landing spots on the [illegible] of ESPN's ESPY Awards and Saturday Night Live

E. Baseball comes clean

Nearly two years after he was appointed by commissioner Bud Selig to investigate the use of performance-enhancing drugs in baseball, former U.S. Senator George Mitchell released a 409-page document with his findings. The report specifically mentioned 89 players by name, and reactions varied from shock to a shrug of the shoulders. The most notable of those implicated in the report were New York Yankees pitchers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte.



Florida quarterback Tim Tebow won the Heisman Trophy.

Sprinter Asafa Powell set a new 100-meter record of 9.74 seconds.

The Houston Dynamo won its second straight MLS Cup.

Photo credit: Newscom

F. A tainted king?

San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds hit his 756th home run and passed the long-standing all-time record of Hank Aaron. However, the historic mark was not widely celebrated as Bonds continued to be the subject of speculation about steroid use during his career. Later he was given indicted for perjury related to the federal investigation into steroids.

G. Rough first year

It was not exactly smooth sailing for British soccer star David Beckham during his first year in America. After signing with the Los Angeles Galaxy of MLS, Beckham was only able to play in eight games due to various knee injuries and the Galaxy were unable to make the playoffs.

H. A blown call

Tim Donaghy, an NBA referee for 13 seasons, embroiled the league in controversy when he became the subject of an FBI investigation due to allegations that he bet on games that he officiated. Donaghy later pleaded guilty to two charges related to the investigation, and admitted that he made calls that affected the point spreads in those games.

IN THE GAME

About 25 million American youth play competitive school sports and 20 million youth ages 6 through 16 play organized sports in a community program.

The most played team sports are:

- **Basketball, 4+ million**
- **Baseball, 2.5+ million**
- **Outdoor soccer, 2+ million**
- **Touch football, 2 million**
- **Court volleyball, almost 2 million**

NYU Child Study Center, aboutourkids.org

American Joey Chestnut won the World Hot Dog Eating Contest, as competitive eating gained popularity.

Former San Francisco 49ers coach Bill Walsh, who won three Super Bowls, died at 75.

The U.S. women's soccer team struggled at the World Cup, losing 4-0 to Brazil after coach Greg Ryan benched starting goalie Hope Solo.

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I. Twice as nice

Three years after erasing the 86-year "Curse of the Bambino" and ending one of the longest title droughts in sports history, the Boston Red Sox did it again by sweeping the Colorado Rockies to win its second World Series in four years. Boston rang up the best record in baseball during the regular season, and then beat the Rockies, who had won 21 of its previous 22 games.

J. Sad admission

After several years of denials, track star Marion Jones, a five-time Olympic medalist, admitted to the public that she took steroids prior to the 2000 Summer Olympics. Afterwards, the IOC stripped Jones of her medals and she announced her retirement.

K. A champ again

Russian tennis sensation Maria Sharapova, only 20 years old, won her third Grand Slam title by breezing through the Australian Open without losing a set. Sharapova added the crown to the previous U.S. Open and Wimbledon titles she already won.

L. Record season

In his 17th season, Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre set the NFL career record for passing yards, passing Dan Marino. The 38-year old, three-time MVP also experienced a rebirth by leading the Packers to a 13-3 season and the NFC Championship Game. However, they fell one game short of the Super Bowl, losing to the New York Giants in overtime.

M. Dog days

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was arrested by federal investigators for organizing a widespread dog-fighting ring out of his home. The NFL indefinitely suspended Vick, who at one time was the highest paid player in the league. After he pleaded guilty, Vick was sentenced to 23 months in prison.

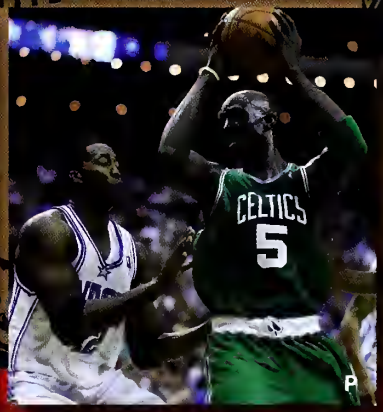
N. A new hope

Young Shawn Johnson, a 15-year old from Des Moines who stands only 4 feet, 8-inches tall, became the next face of the U.S. women's gymnastics team when she became only the fourth American

Bobby Knight stepped down at Texas Tech with 902 wins, the most of any coach in college basketball history.

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal continued their rivalry as the two best tennis players, capturing all four majors between them.

Nascar driver Jimmie Johnson won his second straight Nextel Cup.



woman to win the all-around competition at the World Championships. In the process, Johnson set the stage for the team's hopes at the 2008 Summer Olympics.

O. Impossible to predict

The college football season was filled with several twists and turns, starting with tiny Appalachian State's upset of Michigan in the opening week. Non-traditional football schools such as Kansas, Kentucky and Illinois made appearances in the top 10. In the end, LSU won the national championship by defeating Ohio State, 38-24 in the BCS title game.

P. Return to glory

The Boston Celtics set out to recapture their glory days by trading for forward Kevin Garnett and guard Ray Allen and pairing them with forward Paul Pierce to form a new "big three" trio of all-stars. The early returns were positive, as the team stormed to a 20-4 record, equaling the best start in franchise history.

A NATIONAL EVENT

This year's Super Bowl was the second most viewed television program ever, behind the *MASH* finale. The top five most-viewed Super Bowls are:

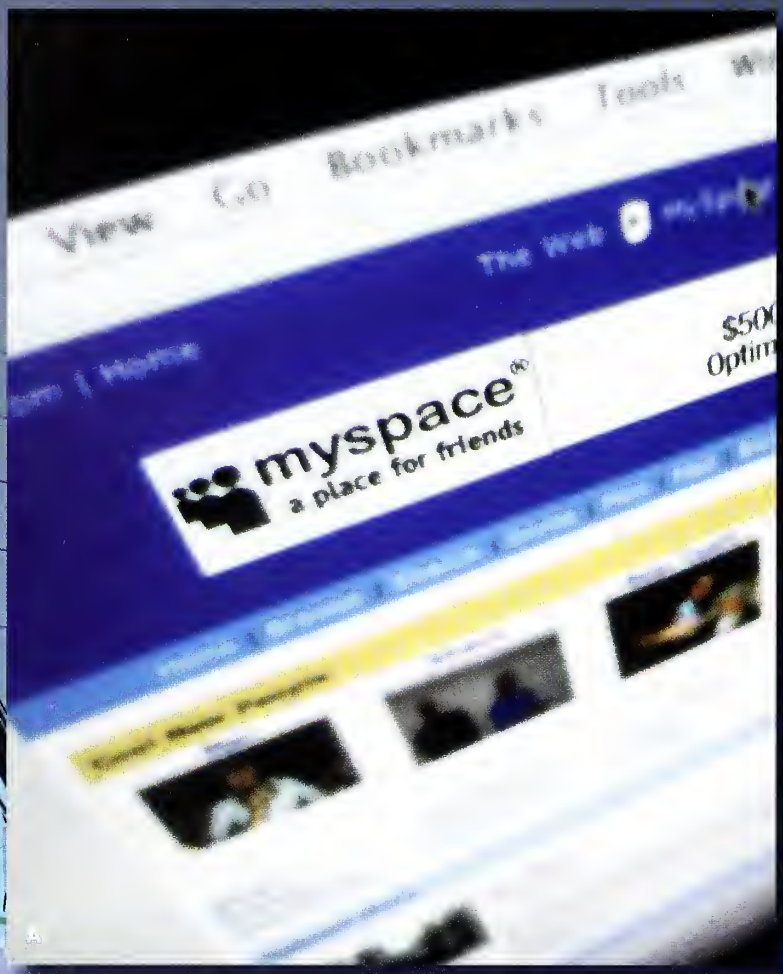
- **New York Giants vs. New England Patriots, 2008 (XLII), 97.5 million viewers**
- **Dallas Cowboys vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1996 (XXX), 94.08 million viewers**
- **Indianapolis Colts vs. Chicago Bears, 2007 (XLI) 93.18 million viewers**
- **Chicago Bears vs. New England Patriots, 1986 (XX) 92.57 million viewers**
- **Dallas Cowboys vs. Buffalo Bills, 1993 (XXVII) 90.99 million viewers**

sports.espn.go.com

The Anaheim Ducks won the 2007 Stanley Cup over the Ottawa Senators.

Buffalo tight end Kevin Everett fractured his spine during an early season game, then miraculously recovered and walked again.

Alex Rodriguez became the youngest player to reach 500 home runs, doing so by age 32.



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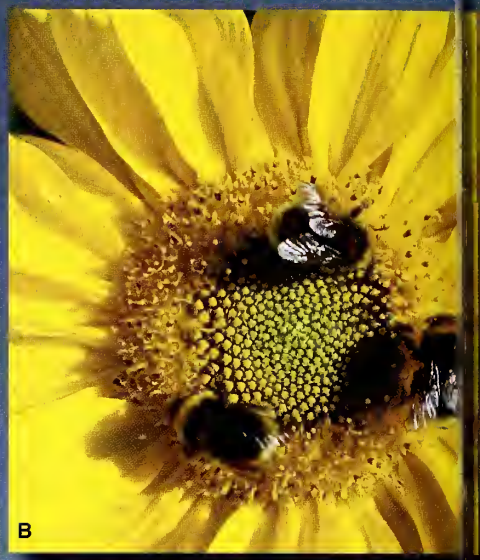

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A. Meet you online
Social networking websites continued to gain popularity and add millions of subscribers who ventured online to interact. Two of the largest, MySpace and Facebook, even developed a budding business rivalry. Facebook gained the backing of Microsoft, who bought a stake in the website for $240 million.

B. Disappearing bees
Beekeepers and scientists were puzzled by, and continued to study, the problem of dwindling honeybees. Known as Colony Collapse Disorder, the phenomenon resulted in worker bees leaving hives for unknown reasons, causing the hives to die out.

C. An expert hack
Apple released its latest innovation, the iPhone, and New Jersey teenager George Hotz took full advantage. Hotz hacked the software on his iPhone, allowing the phone to be used by other wireless service providers. He then traded the secrets for a new car.

D. The green movement
With more people seeming to adopt the belief that issues such as global warming were a growing problem for the world, environmental causes suddenly became part of popular culture. TV shows, movies and ads were filled with "green" messages, and practices such as recycling continued to become more common both at home and work.

E. New dino
Researchers in China unearthed the remains of a giant, bird-like dinosaur, which they believed to be a new species. Feathered, but unable to fly, the 26-foot long Gigantoraptor erlianensis lived some 85 million years ago. The discovery was a surprise, because previous theories pointed to bird-like dinosaurs typically being much smaller.

F. The next generation
Digital Video Recorders, or DVRs, continued to gain popularity and slowly phase out VCRs as the home entertainment technology of choice. Able to record video digitally and store it in a computer hard drive, DVRs revolutionized the way many users watched TV with functions like pausing live TV, and eliminating the need for numerous video tapes.

G. Stem cell breakthrough?
Teams of scientists in the U.S. and Japan claimed they were able to reprogram skin cells to act the same as embryonic stem cells, a possible advance that could revolutionize stem cell research because

After several years of efforts, the bald eagle was officially removed from the Endangered Species List.

Microsoft's Xbox 360 was the best-selling video gaming device.

The FDA approved the first human vaccine against the bird flu.

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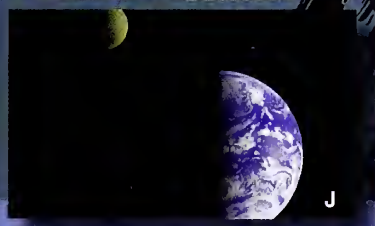
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it would allow the work to move forward with no embryos being created or destroyed in the process.

H. One bright star

Astronomers announced that they were able to observe the largest and brightest exploding star, or supernova, ever witnessed. Roughly 100 to 200 times the size of the sun, the star was located 240 million light years away and was 100 times more energetic than the typical supernova.

I. Pet scare

Widespread reports of kidney failure and deaths among pets led to a massive scare and pet food recall by several companies, after it was determined that the food was contaminated by bad vegetable proteins imported from China and used as ingredients.

J. Race to the moon

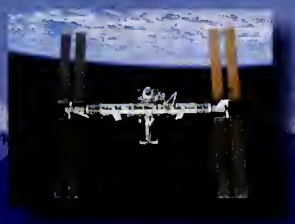
The X Prize Foundation started another new $20 million private spaceflight contest, with the goal of landing a rover on the moon. Within a month of the contest being announced, five groups had said they would enter the contest, which was scheduled to take five years.

CYBERBULLYING INCREASES

Cyberbullying is the act of hurting someone using technology.

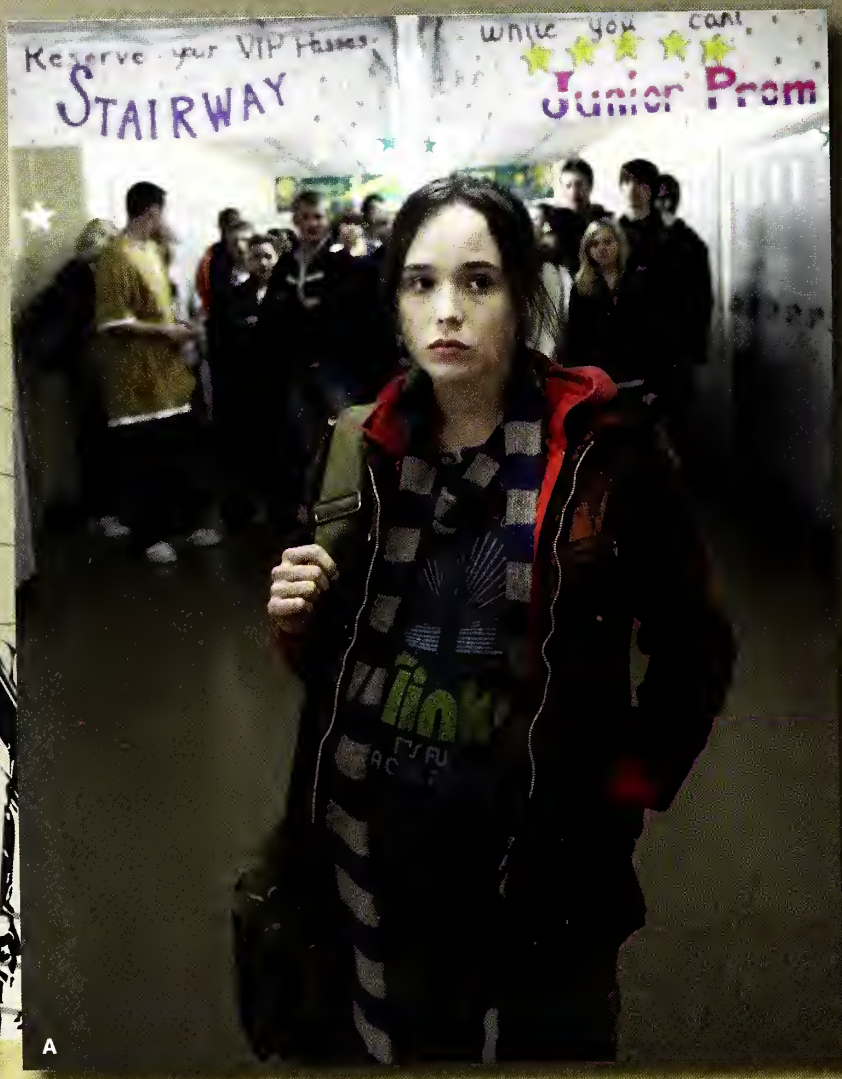
- **43% of teens reported they had been victims.**
- **92% of the victims said they knew or figured out who the bully was.**
- **More girls than boys were victims.**
- **71% of teens believe the best prevention is for the victim to block the bully from communicating with them.**

National Crime Prevention Council survey


The International Space Station received its first new room since 2001.

A popular new trend saw parents purchasing web domain names for their small children.

Scientists discovered some 700 new species of water creatures in Antarctica.



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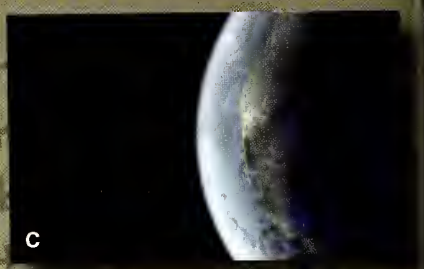

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A. Feel-good tale does well

Juno, an indie comedy about a high school girl and her parents dealing with her unplanned pregnancy, became one of the surprise hits of the year. The movie earned raves from critics for its heartwarming story and sharp dialogue, and even earned Oscar nominations for Best Picture and Best Actress for lead character Ellen Page.

B. Hollywood's main man

Johnny Depp proved he was still one of Hollywood's most bankable leading men. The final movie in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* trilogy starring Depp earned more than $300 million at the box office, and later in the year Depp won raves for his lead role in *Sweeney Todd*.

C. Shots never seen

Planet Earth, the award-winning documentary TV series produced by the Discovery Channel and the BBC, aired in America for the first time. The programs, created to show the beauty and diversity of the planet, took more than five years to make and reportedly captured natural images on film that had never before been seen.

D. Tough ticket

Miley Cyrus, aka Hannah Montana, was the headline act on one of the most popular concert tours of the year. Cyrus, whose *Hannah Montana* show was one of the highest rated on cable, toured with pop band The Jonas Brothers and tickets for the shows routinely sold out in minutes in each city, leading to a feeding frenzy among the pre-teen crowd.

E. TV stalls out

The TV Writers Guild of America went on a three-month strike over a dispute with the TV studios regarding the sharing of profits from "new media" revenue sources, including the internet. With no new scripts coming in, many shows were forced off the air and into reruns, making viewers realize there were other entertainment options out there.

Grey's Anatomy was still one of the most watched shows on TV.

Will Smith won Choice Movie Actor at the Teen Choice Awards.

According to reviews, *Halo 3* was one of the most popular new video games.

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F. On to the big screen

After 19 successful seasons on TV, popular animated sitcom *The Simpsons* stepped up in the world by making its first movie. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie and company translated well, with *The Simpsons Movie* raking in more than $180 million at the box office to become one of the comedy hits of the year.

G. Time to dance

Disney continued building on its wildly successful High School Musical franchise. The sequel to the first movie, *High School Musical 2*, drew in 17.2 million viewers on its opening night airing on the Disney Channel, the most ever for a cable TV program.

H. A shocking end

Fans were stunned when actor Heath Ledger was found dead in his New York City apartment. The star of hit movies such as *A Knight's Tale* and *The Patriot*, and Oscar-nominated for his role in *Brokeback Mountain*, Ledger was only 28 years old at the time of his death. An accidental overdose of prescription medication was found to be the cause.

TOP FIVE MOVIES IN 2007

These movies made the most money in this order:

- ***Spider-Man 3***
- ***Shrek the Third***
- ***Transformers***
- ***Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End***
- ***Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix***

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Jordin Sparks won season six of *American Idol*, becoming the youngest winner at age 17.

This year's notable celebrity deaths included daredevil Evel Knievel, opera singer Luciano Pavarotti and author Norman Mailer.

Ratings indicated that popular new TV shows included *Samantha Who?* and *Chuck*.

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I. A fitting conclusion

The saga of boy wizard Harry Potter came to an end with the final book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, being released by author J.K. Rowling to much fanfare and more than 11 million copies sold in the first 24 hours. As the books wrapped up, the movies continued. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, the fifth film, became a huge hit at the box office.

J. The end?

Critically acclaimed HBO mobster series *The Sopranos* aired its long-awaited final episode. The last scene of the show became a famous pop-culture moment when things ended abruptly mid-scene while Tony and the family were out to dinner. Millions of viewers were left wondering what happened.

K. Funny man of the year

Comedian Seth Rogen probably couldn't have had a much better year, scoring two huge hits and becoming a star in the process. Rogen had starring roles, helped write and helped produce *Superbad* and *Knocked Up*, two of the highest grossing comedies of the year.

L. Star in the making

Young actor Shia LaBeouf showed he might have a chance to be one of the next big stars after a year in which he starred in one of the year's blockbuster action hits, *Transformers*, and then landed the starring role in the next long-awaited sequel being made in the Indiana Jones series of movies.

M. An Emmy surprise

30 Rock was the surprise winner of Outstanding Comedy Series at the annual Emmy Awards. The critically adored sitcom about a sitcom was a first-time winner, as opposed to HBO's *The Sopranos*, which won Outstanding Drama Series in its final season. A new nominating process for this year's Emmys led to 33 first-time nominees and what was widely considered to be a fresh perspective on the show.

Carrie Underwood won Female Vocalist of the Year and Single of the Year at the CMA Awards.

Will Ferrell continued his string of hit movies with *Blades of Glory* and *Semi-Pro*.

Computer animation and live action mixture movie *300* was a sleeper hit.

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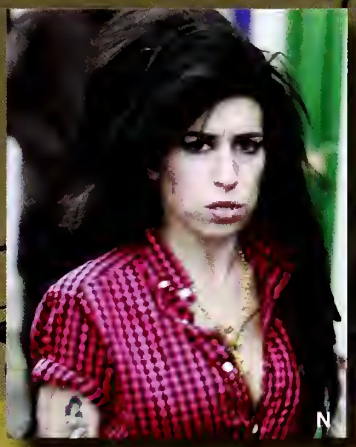
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N. Rise to fame

British singer Amy Winehouse became a celebrity in America when her second album, "Back to Black," was one of the best selling records of the year and won her five Grammy awards. Unfortunately, her wild personal life and legal troubles also made her fodder for tabloid headlines.

O. Quite a show

The 2007 MTV Music Video Awards were held in Las Vegas for the first time, and turned into a wild night. There were several stages with multiple performances going at once. Justin Timberlake ended up being the night's big winner, taking home four awards, including Male Artist of the Year.

P. Rough comeback

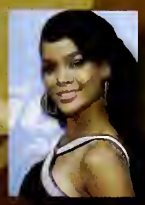
It was a tough year for pop queen Britney Spears. She entered rehab for substance abuse, and then lost a custody battle for her children with ex-husband Kevin Federline. Her first new album in two years, "Blackout," had mixed success. She then ended the year with a listless live performance at the MTV Awards that was widely panned by fans and critics.

LET IM DO THE TALKING

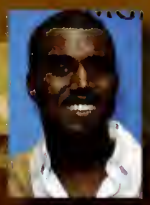
- **Nearly half of all teens use instant messaging. Of those, 43% use instant messaging to say things they would not say in person.**
- **22% Use it to ask people out or accept a date.**
- **13% Use it to break up.**

Associated Press/AOL poll

Daughtry won three times at the American Music Awards, including for Favorite Pop/Rock Album.



Rihanna set a record for digital downloads in one week for her single "Umbrella."



Kanye West had more Grammy nominations than any other musical artist with eight.

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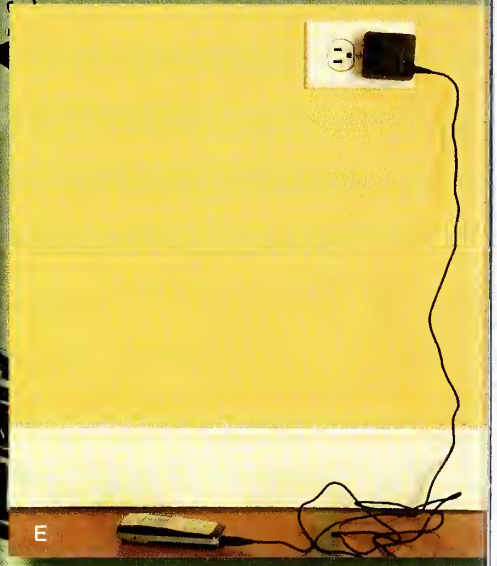
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A. Pants on fire

While 71% of teens said they are prepared to make ethical decisions when they enter the work force, 38% of those teens say sometimes it is OK to cheat, lie or act violently to succeed, according to a Junior Achievement/Deloitte Teen Ethics Survey. Of the teens who think plagiarism is acceptable on some level, 37% said a desire to succeed justifies their actions.

B. Lookin' good

Tent dresses appeared on the scene, first as light, summery items, then long-sleeved for the winter, to be paired with ankle boots and bright tights. For the guys who liked stylin' head gear, fedoras and wool caps were available.

C. Guess who's in the kitchen

Toy kitchens were becoming more prevalent for boys. Television shows on the Food Network such as *Iron Chef*, *Boy Meets Grill with Bobby Flay* and *Emeril Live with Emeril Lagasse*, have made playtime in the kitchen – real or toy – more acceptable to American males.

D. Stopping saggy pants

Some cities are trying to stop the men's fashion of wearing baggy pants below the hips. Fines were being proposed for those in Atlanta and Trenton, N.J., caught with their pants down. In Delcambre, the ordinance banning the exposure of underwear carries a fin up to $500 or six months in jail.

E. Vampires strike

Americans are unknowingly using more electricity. Cell ph charging, computers in stand-by mode, electric toothbrus clocks on microwaves and DVD players, and rechargeable t all suck up electricity when not actually being used by a pers Estimates show 5% of electricity use in the U.S. is from stan power, or vampire electronics, and that could reach 20% by 20

HITTING THE BOOKS

- 60% of preschool children ages 3-5 were read to daily by a family member in 2005, up 53% from 19
- Book sales for U.S. teens increased 20% betw 1999 and 2005.
- 25% of U.S. adults did not read a book in 200

National Center for Health Statistics, Best Books for Young Adults 3rd edition, Associated Press/Ipsos poll

California banned teens ages 17 and under from using their cell phones while driving.

More teens are graduating from high school – 88% in 2005, compared with 84% in 1980.

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